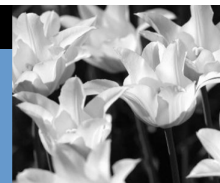




ONE IN CHRIST

Week of April 4 - 10, 2023

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MEAGAN



Throughout these weeks of Lent, we have been following Jesus, seeing him in all his humanity. We have discovered Jesus in new ways, new places, new faces along the way. This week, we follow Jesus to the cross, and find there the blessing that comes when we walk with the one who can face our pain and lead us to the love of God that never fails.

Blessing That Becomes Empty As It Goes *For Passion Sunday*

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though
he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited, but emptied himself.*
— Philippians 2.5-7a

This blessing keeps nothing for itself.
You can find it by following the path of what it has let go,
of what it has learned it can live without.

Say this blessing out loud a few times
and you will hear the hollow places within it,
how it echoes in a way that gives your voice back to you
as if you had never heard it before.

Yet this blessing would not be mistaken for any other,
as if, in its emptying, it had lost what makes it most itself.

It simply desires to have room enough to welcome what comes.

Today, it's you.
So come and sit in this place made holy by its hollows.
You think you have too much to do,
too little time, too great a weight of responsibility that none but you can carry.

I tell you, lay it down.
Just for a moment, if that's what you can manage at first.
Five minutes.
Lift up your voice—
in laughter, in weeping, it does not matter—
and let it ring against these spacious walls.

Do this until you can hear the spaces within your own breathing.
Do this until you can feel the hollow in your heart
where something is letting go,
where something is making way.



WE WORSHIP....



Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00am Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare will be provided in the nursery each week.

OR

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

Masks are optional to enter the building, and will be available at entrances if needed. If you feel unwell, please care for yourself and others by staying home, and we will be happy to see you when you return. Thank you for your commitment to caring for one another!

Join Worship Virtually (via Zoom) → <http://tiny.cc/clcworship>

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Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 278 217 453 | Password: 971744

Worship Signup

At Christ Lutheran, our children and youth are part of our church, and we encourage people of all ages to take on leadership roles during our worship service. If you would like the opportunity to serve in worship, visit: <http://tiny.cc/worshipsignup>

For more info visit the Children's Google Drive: <http://tiny.cc/children-drive>

TO SERVE AS ACOLYTE:

Please visit <https://bit.ly/CLCacolytes> Contact Kersten Horn (horn.kersten@gmail.com) if your child needs acolyte training.

TO SIGN UP AS A LECTOR OR ASSISTING MINISTER:

Please contact Mark Roock.

Please reach out to Kate Hoerchler with questions and suggestions you have about the children and youth ministries at Christ Lutheran.



Holy Week at Christ Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday, April 6, In-Person and on Zoom
7:00pm Worship with communion and washing of hands

Join Maundy Thursday Online -- <http://tiny.cc/CLCmaundy>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 824 0889 7874 **Passcode:** 63119

Good Friday, April 7, In-Person and on Zoom
7:00pm Service of the Passion and Song

Worship with the Cantata, *In My Place: Remembering Christ's Sacrifice of Love*, led by Christ Church Choir, Director of Choirs Diane Drollinger.

All offerings provided in Good Friday envelopes, collected in baskets at the Good Friday service will go to ELCA World Hunger. To contribute to ELCA World Hunger, direct to Christ Lutheran Church and designate for ELCA World Hunger.

Join Good Friday Service Online -- <http://tiny.cc/CLCgoodfriday>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 858 7728 3880 **Passcode:** 63119

Holy Saturday, April 8, In-Person
7:30pm Joint Gathering in Preparation for Easter Sunday
Gethsemane Lutheran Church | 3600 Hampton Ave., St. Louis MO, 63109)

The Vigil of Easter: This is the Night!

Join Bishop Candea and siblings from St. Louis-area ELCA churches for the Vigil of Easter, held this year on Saturday, April 8, at 7:30pm. This capstone to the great Three Days of Holy Week will include storytelling, the striking of a new fire, affirmation of baptism, and the first Eucharist of the Easter season. With a light reception to follow, this is a great time of fellowship and worship with folks from across the region at the pinnacle of the church year!



Easter Sunday, April 9, In-Person and on Zoom

10:00am Worship with Communion in celebration of the Resurrection

We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as we bring back the Alleluia which has been hidden for so long!

Join Palm Sunday Worship Online -- <http://tiny.cc/clcworship>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 278 217 453
Passcode: 971744

SPECIAL NOTICES



**A COMMUNITY
CONCERT & CELEBRATION**
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Sunday , April 23 | 2 - 4 pm
===== FREE =====

Your Friendly Neighborhood "Webster Creative Community"
 Invites You to Rejoice and Attend **GOSPELFEST**, a Community Concert
 & Celebration of Joyful & Inspirational Gospel Music & Song

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
 at the corner of Lockwood Ave. & Bompert Ave.
 in the Main Sanctuary
 Sunday Afternoon, April 23
 2 pm - 4 pm

- Concert performers are open to all ages, soloists, singing groups, Webster church choirs, and all other singers in our community.
- Maximum of 2 songs per performer.
- Sign up by Saturday, April 15, please text Dave Buck at **314-952-0910** or email him at: **dave@buckstl.com**. Please provide your name and the titles of your songs.

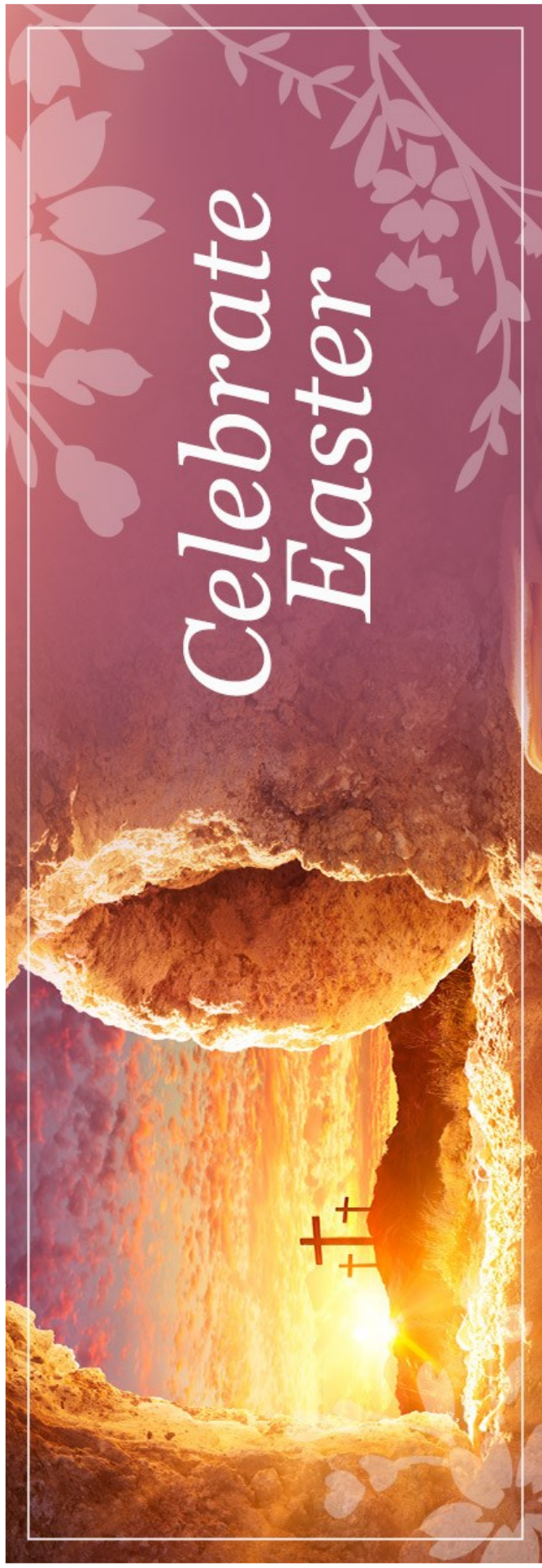
GOSPELFEST is FREE & Open to the Entire Community.

Please, no food or drink in the Main Sanctuary. Come gather in Parish Hall immediately following **GOSPELFEST** for light refreshments and community time.

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Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday

We have purchased 35 lilies for Easter Sunday in order to re-create the heart in the Chancel. You may purchase one or more lilies for yourself or for those members who are homebound or recovering from illness. Lilies can be taken home after Easter morning service. The cost per lily is \$8.00. Please note "lilies" on your contribution. Submit the request to the church office, along with whether they are in memory of someone or to the glory of God. That information will be shared in next Sundays bulletin.

WEBSTER  ROCK HILL
MINISTRIES

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 Donation per person

Form a table of 8 or join with others!
Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

**Heads/Tails
Mulligans**

**50/50 Raffle
Attendance Prizes**

SILENT AUCTION

Prizes To Winning Team

FRIDAY MAY 12TH 2023

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
WEBSTER GROVES**

10 West Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, 63119

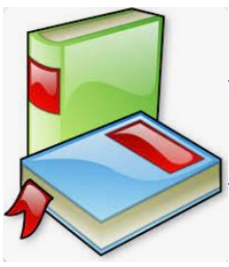
Doors open at 6:15pm

Game begins 7:00pm

To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082

Prepayment is required for reservation of tables

Please bring canned goods to help the Ministries



AND LEARN....

Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet each Tuesday morning at 10:30am, in the fellowship hall. All are welcomed to join us!



Adult Forum meets on Sundays at 9am, in the Conference Room or on Zoom. We hope you can join us!

Upcoming Sessions

April 9 — Easter — No Adult Forum

April 16 — Jesse Helton — Learning About God through Science

Session 3. The Sunday school children and adults perform science experiments together.

April 23 — Author and Pastor, Elle Dowd, will present "Public Faith and Discipleship" where she will focus on why we should be engaged in justice work as Christians.

April 30 — Katie Ciorba — Social Justice Now

May 7 — Jesse Helton — Learning About God through Science Session 4. The Sunday school children and adults perform science experiments together.

Recap of 4/2/23 — Jesse Helton performed an experiment demonstrating how the air around us is constantly pushing on us though we don't think about it. Then Roger Rose, a retired research chemist, gave the scientific explanation on the experiment. Jesse related air to the Holy Spirit which is constant and everywhere. Kids and adults worked together at each table. Some tried to separate two plungers held together by a vacuum and the others showed how a paint stirrer, held in place by newspaper at the edge of a table can be broken with a quick blow. Both demonstrated the force of air pressure.



Community Events Featuring Author and Pastor Elle Dowd

Elle Dowd (she/they) is a campus pastor in Chicago at South Loop Campus Ministry where she ministers to students, staff and faculty. She is also an ordained pastor in the ELCA. CLC's Justice Book Group recently read her book, *Baptized in Tear Gas*, where she describes her experience during the Ferguson uprising in 2014 as a pivotal moment in moving from white moderate to abolitionist.

Elle Dowd Workshop - "Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change"

Saturday, April 22 | 7:00 pm | Christ Lutheran Church

We are excited to host Elle Dowd in April, as she presents a workshop entitled, "Spiritual Imagination as a Tool for Social Change." Join us for this free community event where Rev. Dowd will focus on how we can best take action to support those who are oppressed and marginalized in our communities through a faith lens. The workshop will take place in the Sanctuary and will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. RSVPs encouraged, please click here — tiny.cc/elleRSVP

We are looking for volunteers to bring food and drink for the reception and also manage the refreshment table the night of the event. Refreshments would need to be dropped off by 6:00 pm on that Saturday.

Click here to volunteer for this workshop — tiny.cc/elleSERVE

Adult Forum - "Public Faith and Discipleship"

Sunday, April 23 | 9:00am | Christ Lutheran Church

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for adult forum led by Elle Dowd where she will focus on why we should be engaged in justice work as Christians.

Worship

Sunday, April 23 | 10:00am | Christ Lutheran Church

Join us for Sunday morning for worship in the sanctuary where Rev. Dowd will preach on the gospel, On the Road to Emmaus.

Questions? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751, katehoerchler@gmail.com



SO WE CAN WELCOME....

Updated Draft: Reconciling in Christ Affirmation Statement

The social justice committee created a draft updated statement to be in line with our values, commitments and with the updated requirements of [ReconcilingWorks](#), the non-profit that supports RIC churches. We are seeking feedback from YOU on our updated statement in a number of formats including at an adult forum on April 30th. We ask that you read the updated statement several times and notice your reactions. What are some words that stand out for you? Where is God calling our congregation?

If you have feedback on the statement you'd like to share immediately, please contact Katie Ciorba at ciorbafamily@gmail.com or 314-775-9517 or Kate Hoerchler at katehoerchler@gmail.com. Thank you!

REVISED STATEMENT 2023

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
 Christ Lutheran is a growing church community that welcomes, and affirms, all who seek God's grace. 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, understanding and healing to end oppression in our hearts, in our church, in our structures, and in our world. We commit to the work of anti-racism, social, and environmental justice for all of God's beloveds.
 People of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, ethnic and racial backgrounds, economic conditions, people living with mental health challenges, people who are disabled, and all who feel excluded, are embraced and celebrated at Christ Lutheran.

Refreshment Volunteers Needed!



We're looking for refreshment volunteers to help provide food and snacks after church services. You may use the [online sign up form](#) to choose the date(s) you'd like to volunteer. We have dates available now through June! To sign up, just visit:

<http://tiny.cc/refreshments>



AND SERVE !



Feed the Need STL

A special thanks to those who volunteered!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help pack food on Sunday 04/16 in support of Feed the Need STL. With your support we have filled all the volunteer slots we signed up for! Please watch for additional volunteer/donation opportunities through Christian Service in the coming weeks!

Thanks for all you do to support our mission to serve others in our community!

Please Consider Supporting “No Mow April”

The City of Webster Groves is asking for our help in a new initiative the City is undertaking this Spring. "No Mow April" is designed to support pollinators in our community. This initiative, championed by our Green Space and Sustainability Commissions, requires not action but inaction on the part of churches in Webster Groves. During the month of April, the City of Webster Groves will support a temporary exception to the requirement that grass not exceed ten inches. The City is encouraging homeowners and community members to limit or forgo lawn mowing practices during April to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring. The city will also limit its mowing by limiting it to areas that require it for specific recreational and sports activities.



[Register here for participation in the program and request your NO MOW APRIL yard sign.](#)



LET US PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Shelly Madden, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, Joan (friend of the Roocks), John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Anna McIntyre, Donna Munger, Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Shirley Wolf, and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother), Kerry Munger (son of Donna Munger).



IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died and all of those who grieve, that they may know the presence of God who grieves with us.

IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE APRIL ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

04/13 — Scott & Kirsten Glascock
04/14 — Bob & Carolyn Crowe
04/16 — Kevin & Diane Drollinger
04/21 — Wayne & Faith Moore
04/23 — John & Sue Zempel

BIRTHDAYS:

04/01 — Anne Marie Kettler
04/01 — Bradley Kuziel
04/02 — Bill Griffith
04/02 — Chris Zempel
04/03 — Linda Griffith
04/03 — Daniel Gunther
04/04 — Kaia Askew-Sunkara
04/04 — Phillip Hoerchler
04/05 — Suzie Benedum
04/05 — Woody Erickson
04/05 — Joan O'Brien
04/06 — Joe Zempel
04/07 — Mattis Horn
04/08 — Adrienne Christner
04/09 — Katie Ciorba
04/10 — Dave Fey
04/10 — Lena Helton
04/11 — Steve Mitchler
04/13 — Emmy Bender
04/13 — Luke Bender
04/13 — Kaylee Glascock
04/14 — Barbara Rose Hughes
04/14 — John Zempel



04/15 — Kim Donermeyer
04/16 — Anne Marie Wischmeyer
04/19 — Alex Cramer
04/20 — Richard Mudd
04/22 — Erica Donermeyer
04/22 — Garth Stole
04/23 — Ben Drollinger
04/23 — Thomas Hopper
04/26 — David Hill
04/26 — Joseph W. Miller
04/27 — Timothy Donermeyer
04/27 — Paige Lauer
04/28 — Melissa Allen
04/28 — Ella Knapp
04/29 — Seannah McCarty
04/30 — Paul Lenhart

**Our apologies if we missed anybody!
Please let us know if we did.**

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday 9a Education Hour 10a Worship	3 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4p Fitness group 7p Justice Group	4 10a Text Study 10:30a Bible Study	5 7:30p Choir Practice	6 4p Fitness Group 7p Maundy Thursday Service	7 6p Vigil for Black Lives 7p Good Friday Service	8 7:30p Holy Saturday Service
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Facility Use Calendar: The above calendar shows congregational events for CLC. To view when areas of the building may be in use, visit <http://tiny.cc/facility-cal>.

Needing to Use the Building? Please contact the office to reserve your space. We have a busy season approaching and want to ensure there are no conflicts with the use of our building.

2023 Pledge Card: Stewarding Our Gifts

Thankful for God's abundance and continuing to worship and serve with fellow members of Christ Lutheran Church, we pledge to use our spiritual gifts to be stewards of God's love.

Print name(s): _____

I/We celebrate our spiritual gifts of:

Skills/Knowledge:

Passion:

And, therefore, pledge to be stewards in the following ways :

Including, joyfully planning to give \$ _____ in calendar year 2023

Date: _____ Contact info: _____

☐ Check here if you'd like to continue receiving paper offering envelopes.

Please return your pledge card by 12/18/2022.

You may mail this pledge card to the church office, put it in the offering basket or email your pledge form to office@christwg.org



Keep this portion for your records as reminder of your planned giving.

2023 Pledge for Christ Lutheran Church

I/We plan to give a total of \$ _____ by December 31, 2023, to support our Lord's mission and ministry through Christ Lutheran Church – Webster Groves, and to be stewards in the following ways:



Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA

TELEPHONE: 314-962-6011

E-MAIL:
OFFICE@CHRISTWG.ORG

WEBSITE:
WWW.CHRISTWG.ORG

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

REV. MEAGAN MCLAUGHLIN

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-WED, FRI 8:30-4:30
(APPTS BY ARRANGEMENT)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
JESSICA GUNTHER

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR
ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:**
CAROLYN CROWE

DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:
DIANE DROLLINGER

ORGANIST:
MARK RUFF

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MAHLIK GOOD

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TAMMY PRYOR

WEBMASTER:
MIKE WAGNER/STEPHANIE
LENHART

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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