



# ONE IN CHRIST

Week of March 22 - March 28, 2021

## A Note from Council



How are you doing?

That simple and common question took on so much extra sincerity around this time one year ago while we were all going into lockdown at the beginning of the pandemic. Neighbors passing by on walks, friends and family over the phone, and fellow congregants reached out asking this question... and it felt good. It felt good to be connected or reconnected with various people in our social circles during such uncertain times. It felt good calling up my grandma just because. It felt good having meaningful conversation with people that we might have previously just responded, "I'm fine. How are you?" Instead, we were answering that question with what activities we had been doing to keep ourselves safe and busy, what was going on with our jobs or school, if anyone we knew was sick or tending to COVID patients, etc. Community felt like it was being reestablished, healed.

How quickly, though, did that simple question go back to its old pleasantries? As more was learned about the virus and disease, people started deciding what experts they were going to listen to or brush off, resewing old divisions. New normals were established, and people started moving on within their bubbles or own comfort levels.

Now, however, we're at a new exciting time of more and more people being vaccinated around us. We're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, but how do we move on? Do we go back to life like it was before the pandemic? Do we make hard choices and start living differently with what we learned because of the pandemic?

I find myself looking for truth during this Lent season, looking to the cross and hoping for renewal.

Here's what I'm asking myself lately: How do I want to spend my time? How can I help people around me? How do I help my children thrive? How do I make a difference in my environment? How do I make a difference for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) in my community? How can I be a good steward of God's creation? How do I work to heal divisions with those I love?

There is hope in the cross, knowing we're all sinful creatures, knowing Jesus loves and saves us all. He forgives, and I can, too.

God loves you,  
Kate Hoerchler



# Stewardship & Offerings

We continue to worship and reach out to people in different ways than we're traditionally accustomed. Staff and members are reaching out proactively to make sure everyone in our congregation is cared for, and connected, as much as possible. We are re-imagining ministry! Now more than ever, it takes all of us to make that happen.



We can continue to fund our church and the important work we're doing with a few easy clicks:

1. Visit [our donation website](#) directly or go to [www.christwg.org](http://www.christwg.org) and scroll down to the 'Give Now' button.
2. You may make a one time or recurring gift. There are NO FEES to withdraw directly from your bank account. Fees do apply for debit/credit card transactions.
3. Optional: set up a profile to be able to change your recurring gifts at any time or view your giving history.
4. Want to walk through the steps with someone? Contact Kate Hoerchler, 314-805-1751, [katehoerchler@gmail.com](mailto:katehoerchler@gmail.com)

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.

Joan O'Brien and Lynnae Ruff, Stewardship Chairs

## CLC Suggestion Box

Have an idea for how Christ Lutheran Church can make your experience better? Submit an anonymous note at <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh> and we will do our best to help! You





### **Wednesday, March 24**

**7:00 pm Lenten Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. Join Zoom at 6pm for dinner fellowship hour.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81573753121?pwd=MjZoZExBTkJKQaUR3YkFsNkJKMVY5UT09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799      **Meeting ID:** 815 7375 3121      **Passcode:** 431398

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### **Palm Sunday, March 28**

#### **9:30 am Worship**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09>

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

#### **After Worship**



#### **11:30 am Neighborhood Palm Procession**

Gather with your palms in the church yard for a 20 minute Palm Sunday procession in the neighborhood. Masks and distancing will be required. **Pre-registration is required so we know how many people to expect.** If you are unable to register online you may call the office or email

[office@christwg.org](mailto:office@christwg.org).

Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45AEA828AAF58-palm>

#### **11:30 am Collection for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries**

We will also be collecting food items in the church parking lot!

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### **Wednesday, March 31**

**7:00 pm Lenten Worship, Holden Evening Prayer. Join Zoom at 6pm for dinner fellowship hour.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81573753121?pwd=MjZoZExBTkJKQaUR3YkFsNkJKMVY5UT09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799      **Meeting ID:** 815 7375 3121      **Passcode:** 431398

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### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

#### **7:00 pm Worship.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89639544814?pwd=RWx4bDFtNEFwanNkOUtPM1U5T09zZz09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799      **Meeting ID:** 896 3954 4814      **Passcode:** 696988

**\*\*Outdoor events may be subject to change or cancellation due to weather or Covid precautions.**

## Good Friday, April 2

### 7:00 pm Service of the Passion and Song

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88281882730?pwd=bUh3dGJXeGZ4VjVMWGR2SXZpOGVSQT09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 882 8188 2730

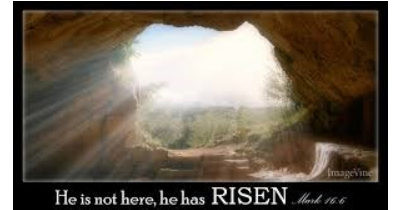
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## Holy Saturday, April 3

### 7:00 pm Gathering in Preparation for Easter Sunday

Bring your own chair or blanket to the church yard and gather around the firepit to hear families share the Old Testament stories of God's faithfulness since the beginning of time. We will end by bringing out the banner, so we are prepared to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday morning!



**Pre-registration is required, masks are required, and seating spaces for households will be defined to maintain social distancing.**

**Please sign-up to attend at** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C45AEA828AAF58-holy>

If you are unable to register online you may call or email the office at [office@christwg.org](mailto:office@christwg.org) to sign-up.

### You may also join us via Zoom!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660628057?pwd=VGWVwZnF2cWFNYW5BKzI1Z3VBampTQT09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 896 6062 8057

**Passcode:** 360220

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## Easter Sunday, April 4

### 9:30 am 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 and remember our baptisms as we celebrate the baptism of Mae Lenhart!



Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 278 217 453

**Passcode:** 971744



### Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday

We have decided to purchase a large number of lilies in order to re-create our beautiful heart display at the altar and then deliver them to our homebound members and those recovering from illness. If you are so inclined, please make a contribution to help defray the cost. They are \$8 each and please note "Lilies" on your contribution.

## Community Assistance

This spring we are planning to have several parking lot collections to support **Webster - Rock Hill Ministries**. In particular they are in need of canned vegetables and cereal, and other non-perishable food and toiletries/household goods are always appreciated. **We will collect donations every 4th weekend of the month, beginning with Palm Sunday, March 28th. The collection will run from 11:30-12:30** and coincide with the palm procession (note: the collection will still happen even if it is rainy and/or the palm procession is cancelled). Any donations you can give will be greatly appreciated - thank you!

## Upcoming Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars for the future 2021 Fellowship events!

- Saturday, May 22 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, August 28 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Friday, October 1 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- Saturday, October 30 - Trunk or Treat!



We will focus on virtual game nights at this time, but (maybe, hopefully) we can look into other types of Fellowship options for the later dates. Hoping to give us all something to look forward to!

## Vacation Bible School 2021 Planning

This year's VBS will take place in early to mid August. If you would like to participate in the planning stage of this event, contact Alena Horn at [alena.horn@gmail.com](mailto:alena.horn@gmail.com).



## Youth Zoom Hangout, April 4 at 12:30 PM

If you have been confirmed and are interested in connecting with other youth, join us for discussion during our normal time on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/924665200?pwd=OWYvT0Z5MmdoVG84R3dDUmJXVXd5dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 924 665 200

**Password:** 271433

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### Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



# WORSHIP

**Palm Sunday, March 28, 9:30 am — Zoom Worship**

**Access Online Bulletin**

Follow the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

**OR**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**One tap mobile**

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 278 217 453

**Password:** 971744



## Christian Service

Beginning in Mid-April, CLC will form a group to work with the Christian Service Committee to examine and make changes to our current list of donation recipients. Currently we have a group of roughly 10-15 organizations and non-profits that receive benevolence checks from our church twice a year. We will meet via Zoom or in-person to discuss this list, and how we can update it to better align with the goals and mission of our congregation. If you are interested in being part of this discussion, or have any questions, please contact Erin Eftink at [erineftink@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erineftink@sbcglobal.net).

## Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our virtual meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month. We will catch up with each other and jump into some Bible study. Hope to see you there!

**Zoom meeting information:**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86806779211?pwd=UTBDZG1EcjJtL3NUTmxBa1Z1ZG9ydz09>

**Meeting ID:** 868 0677 9211

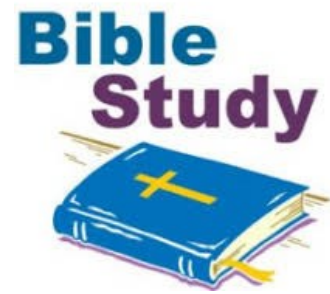
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Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at [beccajedwards@gmail.com](mailto:beccajedwards@gmail.com).



# Fellowship at CLC



**Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am**

“David was a man after God’s own heart.”

What does it mean to be someone “after God’s own heart”? David, Old Testament shepherd, king and psalmist, offers an answer in the shape of his own life.

The Tuesday morning Bible study group is using a study guide by Charles R. Swindoll, “David: A Man of Passion & Destiny.” We meet at 10 am via Zoom each Tuesday. The long-time participants in this group have each received a copy of the book, and if others would like to join us for this discussion, please let us know so that additional books can be ordered. All are welcome to join us!

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643945421?pwd=V3dxdWY0YkZsRFptWkE2dDBCM3VLUT09>

## **One tap mobile**

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**Call in From Any Phone:** 312 626 6799

**Meeting ID:** 826 4394 5421

**Password:** 127284

## **Adult Forum**

*April 11* **Kim Shave, executive director of Humanitri**, will bring us up to date on the agencies work to provide affordable housing.

On March 21 the Rev. Fred Niedner, Senior Research Professor of Religion at Valparaíso University, gave us an overview comparing the Passion Narratives of the four Gospels. He summarized by saying that each writer addressed issues that his readers were dealing with.



Mark wrote to Christians, most likely in Rome, dealing with the persecutions during Nero's reign. He wrote how Jesus' ministry and crucifixion was a model and an inspiration to sustain them during the trials of the time.

Matthew wrote to a Christian community working to come together despite different backgrounds. He emphasized forgiveness.

Luke addressed Christians that had authority over others so his telling is a guide to Christians in leadership roles.

John, the last of the canonical Gospels, was written at the end of the first century. At that point the Roman Emperor, Domitian, had outlawed Christianity. He wrote to assure the community that God was still in control.

The outline he provided is attached to the Newsletter email.

As we journey through this Lenten season and into Holy Week, we hear again the story of Jesus' passion and crucifixion. To engage the depth of this powerful story, you are invited to this journey of the Stations of the Cross throughout the St. Louis area. This experience will make connections between Jesus' story and our own experiences in this particular time and place. There are eight stations, beginning in the heart of St. Louis City and expanding outward through the county. You can [download the devotional by clicking here](#), or you can access it on the EMC website at [emc-online.org](http://emc-online.org).



This is an experience you can do on your own or by joining a caravan on Good Friday (April 2, 2021). Pr. Kendra Nolde and Pr. Jeff Lindgren will lead the caravan. Plan to meet at the Missouri Botanical Garden a little before noon. Please RSVP for whatever option you choose so we can gauge participation:

<https://form.jotform.com/91406784455161>

Additionally, Pr. Andrew Baumgartner and Pr. Melissa Woepfel will lead a time of discussion and prayer as a way to debrief this experience. Join them on Zoom at 7 p.m. on April 2nd and bring your thoughts and reflections.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89963258741?pwd=UTRTbEiEMVJZMVdmUlhHZmFIdkhzdz09>

Meeting ID: 899 6325 8741

Passcode: 192905

### Creation Care

Last year in anticipation of Earth Day 2020 the Creation Care team was collecting pill bottles. Unfortunately like so many things in 2020, this project was placed on hold due to COVID. The bottles are reused for mission trips by an organization called Matthew 25: Ministries. Our role will be to sort, organize and prepare the pill bottles to be sent to their offices in Ohio. We are hopeful that there will be an opportunity to gather in person to work on preparing the pill bottles to be sent to Matthew 25: Ministries. However, we will wait until closer to Earth Day 2021 - April 22nd to make any definite plans. In the meantime please either continue or start collecting used pill bottles that can be reused for mission trips. They can be either prescription medication bottles or over the counter medication bottles. If you can remove the labels from the prescription bottles that will assist in preparing them and also ensure privacy about any medications prescribed for individuals. There is a basket in the fellowship hall to place the bottles in, or we will have a set day closer to April to request the bottles to be brought to church. Please contact me by email if you have any questions. Thank You on behalf of the Creation Care Team.

Thanks, Sherry [Mitchler-s.mitchler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mitchler-s.mitchler@sbcglobal.net)



# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

## LET'S CELEBRATE MARCH ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

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



### ANNIVERSARIES:

03/04 Christine & Dave Austin  
03/29 Regina & Bill Wischmeyer

### BIRTHDAYS:

03/01 Nadia Roberts  
03/04 Aja Hornbeck  
03/05 Julia Ely  
03/07 Leon Bartek  
03/07 Jon Heerboth  
03/08 Jeff Bloese  
03/10 Dave Ringkor  
03/11 Mike Hoyer  
03/13 Hannah Borden  
03/13 Ellie Zempel  
03/14 Alex Hill  
03/14 Faith Moore  
03/15 Theodore Bennett  
03/17 Xavier Ruff  
03/18 Jerome Egel  
03/19 Elsa Hoyer  
03/20 Regina Wischmeyer  
03/22 Natalie Bruns  
03/23 Jack Wood

03/25 Elmer Bibb  
03/28 Claire Holmes  
03/29 Sophia Bude  
03/30 Matt Bender

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



### Weekly Altar Arrangements

The schedule for the next few months, following Easter, is below. If you would like to contribute for a particular Sunday listed, please let the office or Nancy Lissant know which Sunday and the occasion for the flowers. The cost per Sunday is \$40. Until we meet in person at Christ, the flowers will be delivered to members who are ill, recovering, or homebound.



Date	Name	Reason
April 11, 2021	<u>Lilies</u>	
April 18, 2021		
April 25, 2021		
May 2, 2021		
May 9, 2021		
May 16, 2021		
May 23, 2021		
May 30, 2021		
June 6, 2021	<u>Flo Saeger</u>	<u>Memorial for Vic</u>
June 13, 2021		
June 20, 2021		
June 27, 2021		
July 4, 2021		
July 11, 2021		
July 18, 2021		
July 25, 2021		



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**ZOOM WORSHIP SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN  
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE  
HOURS: MON-THUR 8:30-4:30  
APPTS BY  
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:  
KEVIN DROLLINGER**

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

**DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS:  
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**ORGANIST:  
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**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:  
LISETTE KREITLER**

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TAMMY PRYOR**

**CUSTODIAN:  
KELLY LAKIES**

**WEBMASTER:  
PERRY YEE**

## **Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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