



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of March 29– April 4, 2021

Pastor's Word



We have entered Jerusalem, and are embarking on that final journey with Jesus to the cross. I am fond of saying “Holy Week is the most sacred time of the year for us as Christians,” but now hear echoes of one of my Confirmation students quipping a couple of years ago, “I thought ALL times were sacred!!!” And of course, she is quite right! One thing we have learned this year of being away from our building is that all times and all places are sacred. But we Lutherans love our both/ands, so Holy Week is indeed the most sacred time of the year for us as Christians!

This week we take time away from the regular routine of our Worship life, and remember the stories that are central to our life of faith. We remember on Maundy Thursday how Jesus spent his last evening with his disciples, eating a final sacred meal, washing their feet and inviting them to do the same for others, sharing with them the things he most hoped they would remember after he was gone—the love and faithfulness of God, the call to love and serve one another, and the promise that death would not be the end of the story.

On Good Friday, we recall the horrific arrest, torture, and death of the one who came to earth to embody God’s love and free us from all that binds us. We acknowledge and repent for all the ways that we have brought sin and brokenness into our world, and ask for forgiveness, healing, and guidance as we strive to embody love for God and one another.

Holy Saturday evening, that evening of the longest day, a day of despair, grief, and confusion, wondering what will happen now that Jesus has died, we will gather again, share stories of God’s promises throughout the ages, starting with creation, and prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday.

And on Easter Sunday morning, celebrate the resurrection, remembering the truth that because of Christ’s resurrection, we know that death will never be the final word. Life will always follow death, and the faithfulness of God will prevail. And that is truly good news!

So, how will you mark this week? How will you remember this central story of our Christian faith? We hope you will join us for Worship, to celebrate the God who walked through the suffering and sin of this world all the way to the cross, to fulfill in our presence the reality of love, life, and resurrection!





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

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm Worship.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89639544814?pwd=RWx4bDFtNEFwanNkOUTPM1U5T09zZz09>

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Good Friday, April 2

7:00 pm Service of the Passion and Song

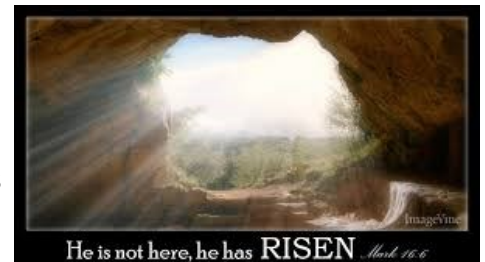
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Holy Saturday, April 3

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 to sign-up.

You may also join us via Zoom!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660628057?pwd=VGVwZnF2cWFNYW5BKzI1Z3VBampTQT09>

Call in From Any Phone: 312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 896 6062 8057 **Passcode:** 360220

NOTE: Outdoor events may be subject to change or cancellation due to weather or Covid precautions.

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>

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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.



April 11—Kim Shave, the Executive Director of Humanitri will update us on the agency's work. Humanitri focuses on providing affordable housing in Saint Louis and is one of the benevolences Christ Lutheran supports.



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 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

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



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!

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.

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.



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 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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WORSHIP

Sunday, April 4, 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

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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!

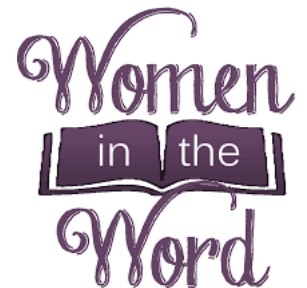
Zoom meeting information:

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Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.



Fellowship at CLC

Zoom Bible Study, Tuesday March 30th, 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

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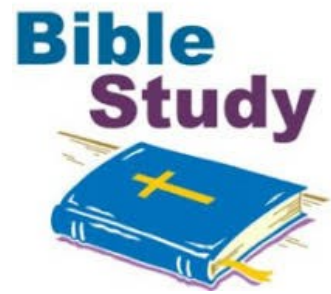
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Upcoming Fellowship Events

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!



Fellowship

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!

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.



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>

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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

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	Carolyn & Bob Crowe
04/16	Kevin & Diane Drollinger
04/21	Faith & Wayne Moore
04/23	John & Sue Zempel
04/27	Sarah & Matthew Ely

BIRTHDAYS:

04/01	Anne Marie Kettler
04/01	Bradley Kuziel
04/02	Angela Bratcher
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
04/04	Noah Hornbeck
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	David Fey
04/10	Lena Helton
04/11	Steve Mitchler
04/13	Emmy & Luke Bender
04/13	Szu-Ching Fu
04/13	Kaylee Glascock
04/13	Sherri Swanson

04/14	John Zempel
04/15	Kim Donermeyer
04/16	Anne Marie Wischmeyer
04/17	Judy Wessler
04/19	Alex Cramer
04/20	Richard Mudd
04/21	Rachel Bruns
04/22	Erica Donermeyer
04/22	Garth Stole
04/23	Ben Drollinger
04/23	Tom Hopper
04/26	David Hill
04/27	Tim 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.



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		

Mothering the Earth

PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SOCIAL JUSTICE

SYMPOSIUM

IN MEMORY OF MARILYN STAVENGER

Co-sponsored by Eden Seminary

Saturday, May 1, 2021 9:00AM-12:00PM

Virtual by Zoom

S P E A K E R S

Rev. Jim Antal - "Responding Faithfully to the Climate Emergency." Rev. Antal is Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister & President of the United Church of Christ and author of Climate Church, Climate World

Rev Dr. Cassandra Gould - "Environmental Racism."
Rev. Dr. Gould is the Executive Director of Missouri Faith Voices.

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson - "They Shall Inherit the Earth: Justice for Marilyn's Children." Rev. Dr. Wilson is the President & CEO, of the Children's Defense Fund

There is no charge to participate in this virtual Symposium. Please register for the Symposium by going to tinyurl.com/peace-symposium-registration. In addition to the talks by the three speakers, there will be a break-out session with each of the speakers. These break-out sessions will be held simultaneously, so you will be asked to prioritize your interest in the break-outs.

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Webster Groves, MO 63119, ~ 314-968-1727
churchoffice@peaceucestl.org



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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**

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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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