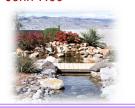


Monthly Newsletter

April 2023

Community Lutheran Church

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tues.- Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Sunday, 9 & 11 am Last Sunday of every month: 10:00 am

Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church: Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

"Christ Is Risen! Salvation Has Come!"



Holy Week is from April 2nd, Palm Sunday, through April 9th, Easter Sunday. And again we are celebrating the central message of the gospel; Christ has saved us through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

God's love has entered into the darkest parts of humanity; into the midst of our sins, sufferings, and deaths through the cross of Jesus. And God's love endures with the new life of the resurrection so we may always have God's healing and hope.

Here at CLC, we are celebrating this with our Easter Cantata, our Palm Sunday services, Maundy Thursday Service, the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, and our Easter Sunday festivities.

The Easter message can give joy to our hearts even when we are grieving the loss of loved ones fearful of our medical conditions, and wary of the changes and sufferings of our society and warfare in the world. God knows our needs better than we do and God is loving us through these hardships so we can live in the peace of eternal life.

I am always fed personally by the messages of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. This whole experience reminds me of the many ways that God's love is made known through us through Christ. It's like what the marriage vows say, only it is God making this vow to us through Christ: to love us in good times and in bad, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, throughout our lives and even throughout our deaths. God is always present and seeking ways to save us so we may always know God's love.

May this Easter message sustain you at all times in your joys and sorrows and know that God's peace is here with you.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

In Christ's blessings,

Pastor Tim





Notes from your Church Council



What is "The Streams"?

A few weeks ago I overheard the question above and it started me thinking. We refer to the weekly insert in a variety of ways...The Streams, the Announcements, the Newsletter. But the actual name that is posted at the top of the first page is **Streams in the Desert** and it is followed by the verse from John 7:38, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."

Streams in the Desert is a theme used throughout the church. Have you noticed? When you enter the front door, there is a scene on the wall outside showing streams, mountains, and John 7:37 "Let anyone who is thirsty, come to me and drink". As you come inside there is the Baptismal Font with flowing water, another stream to represent a connection to the family of God.

There is the Columbarium and Garden with a fountain and stream to represent the continuity of life-giving water in a desert where the sight of water is welcome indeed. Entering into the sanctuary, notice also the suggestion of waves of water on the Altar, the Lectern, and even on the wall on either side of the stained glass cross.

At Community Lutheran Church we are surrounded by Streams in the Desert. The newsletter is only one form, but it continues the theme of our connection to God through the living water brought to us through his Son. May you all experience blessings this Easter season.

Jan Parrott Church Council President



New Members and Baptism

New members, Jim and Gayle Moser, will be installed on April 16th. anyone else is interested in joining, please see the pastor.





Savanah Cordero will be baptized on April 30th.

April 2023 Newsletter article by Rev. Rob Blezard

Thank God for our food

God said [to Adam and Eve], 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.-Genesis 1:29



There's an old joke about the first-grade teacher who asks her class, "Where do apples come from?" Little Ian speaks up: "From the supermarket!"

We laugh, but the sad truth is that many of us are so far removed from farms that we forget that our food – every bite – comes from life, life that God alone created. Yes, farmers sow seeds and care for the plants and trees, but it's God's miracle of life that makes them grow.

As stewards and disciples, we desire to cultivate in ourselves and our communities a deep appreciation for all God provides us, particularly what we need to live. With every mouthful at every meal we thank God for our daily bread, and for the soil, air and water that sustains life.

Easter and springtime are perfect occasions to celebrate God's miracle of life that gives us fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, fish and dairy foods. Here are some ideas:

- · Mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seedtime, growth and harvest; for life-nourishing soil, water and air.
- · While eating, discuss the origins of the variety of food on your plate. How and where are the plants grown? How do they get to your kitchen?
- · As a church or family, celebrate Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) by learning about food production and how climate change, pollution and economics impact our food.
- · Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden in your yard or community garden on church grounds.
- · Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us, and why. Promote healthy eating.
- · Learn about food waste in our culture and take steps to reduce it in your home.
- · At church, reserve a Sunday for a service highlighting creation and food. Maybe "Blessing of the Seeds," or the ancient "Rogation Sunday" ritual.

We live in a culture where food is all around us all the time. As steward-disciples, we want to be sure not to take even a mouthful for granted.

--Rob Blezard

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Women's Group

The following is the list of new officers

for the Women's Group:

President: Reva Sparks

Secretary: Toni Hill Wold

Treasurer: Tori Lelm



CHURCH CHIOR Notes

"Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful." (Psalm 149:1; NRSV)



Our choir is one of Community Lutheran's resources to do evangelism to our community and we have singers who are not active with our congregation who always sing with us for the cantatas. Not only that, it is a lot of fun.

Some of us have studied music and read music. Some of us don't know how to read music and do our best to listen and learn. And all of us laugh as we strive to learn together how to proclaim the gospel message through our music.

If you like to sing and like to fellowship, then this is a great opportunity for you to join us. We always enjoy and welcome newcomers to the choir.

So please join us as we begin our journey together to learn a new cantata and we hope you will also join us in singing choir anthems on Sunday mornings to enrich our weekly worship.

It should be a great year in God's grace.

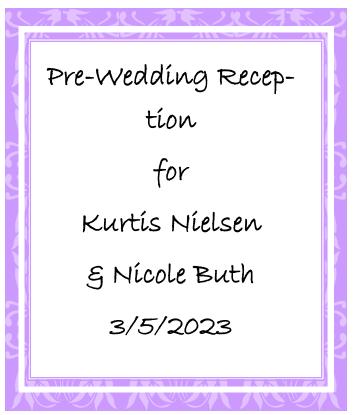
Caster Cantatas: 3:00 pm Palm Sunday, April 2nd

7:00 pm Good Friday, April 7th



Pastor Tim (a fellow member of the choir)







My superpower is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.

A giraffe's coffee would be cold by the time it reached the bottom of its throat. Ever think about that? Noooo.

How's adulting going, you ask? Well, I turned on the wrong burner and have been cooking nothing for about 20 minutes.

We keep a potato masher in a drawer because sometimes it's fun to not be able to open that drawer.

I may not have lost all my marbles yet, but there is a small hole in the bag somewhere.

I've been watching my weight. It's still there.

I like to make lists. I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while at the store. Fun game.

Elementary kids have iPhones. When I was a kid, I put glue on my hands just so I could peel it off when it dried.

How to parallel park: 1) Park somewhere else.

You think you know stress? When I grew up, if you missed a TV show you just missed it. Forever.

People will stop asking you questions . . . if you answer back in interpretive dance.

I burn about 2000 calories every time I put on fitted sheets by myself.

One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know . . . a really good box.

April 2023

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	Palm Sunday 900 & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir anthem 3:00 pm Cantata	3 Office Closed	4 10:30 am Wom- en's Bible Study	5 6:00 pm Choir Practice	6 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Cantata	8
	7:30 am Sunrise Svc 8 am Breakfast 9 & 11 am Easter service	10 Office Closed	11	12 6:00 pm Choir Practice	13 2:00 pm Bible Study 6 pm Council Mtg	14	15
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ě	30 10 am Worship Choir anthem Noisy offering						

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 10:30 Women's Bible Study	3	4 2 pm Bible Study	5	6
7 9 am Worship Service Choir anthem	8 Office Closed	9	10	11 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm Council meeting	12	13
14 9 am Worship service	15 Office Closed	16	17	18 2 pm Bible Study	19	20
21 9 am Worship Service Choir anthem	22 Office Closed	23	24	25 2 pm Bible Study	26	27
28 9 am Worship Service Noisy Offering	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- 2—Altamae Byers
- 2—Chad Lelm
- 2—Carolyn Lorena
- 3—Charles Schuh
- 5—Marilyn Simons
- 5—Jacob Werchau
- 6—Joann Hoffmeyer
- 9—Tom Shober
- 11—Constanze Bender-Shanahan
- 18—Steven Miller
- 22—Marlys Weyer
- 23—Rick Swiston
- 24—Aidan Bixenman
- 29—Cheryl Wilson
- 30—James Cumberland



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April Anniversaries



4—Don & Chris Dueker (42) 21 —Jared White & Chelsey White Beard-Larson (11) 25—Lowell & Sharyl Haas (59)

<u> Mark your Calendars!</u>

Women's Group:

Women's Bible Study: 10:30 April 4th

Women's meetings: Tuesdays, at 10:30 am

Dates to be announced.

Wednesday Pastor's Bible Study

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

All are welcome

Easter Sunday:

7:30 am Sunrise Service

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services

Holy Week

3:00 pm Easter Cantata, Sunday, April 2nd

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday, April 6th,

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Friday, April 7th

7:00 pm Easter Cantata, Friday, April 7th

Corner



Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.

Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers.







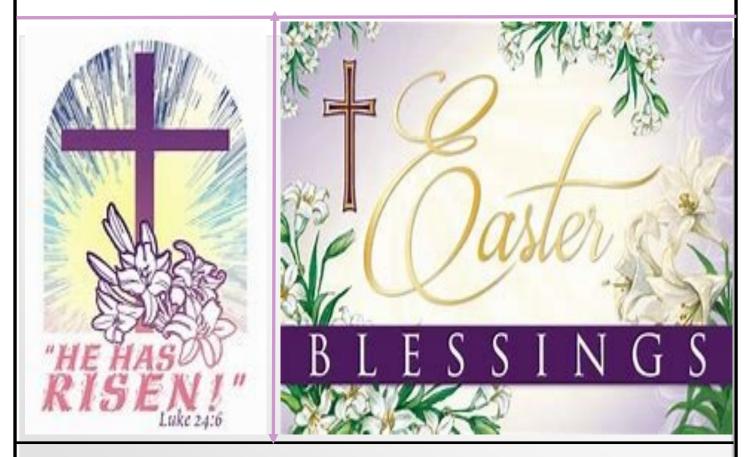
If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



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