



From the Pastor....

THIS MONTH....

Palm Sunday



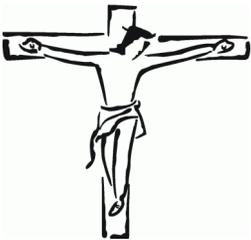
The Journey of Lent has come to an end and Holy Week has begun--with Jesus making his way to Jerusalem to the crown and the throne that awaited Him there.

Holy Thursday

We gather together this night to remember and re-live the events of the night in which our Lord was betrayed. This night will be portrayed with readings, music, and hymns.



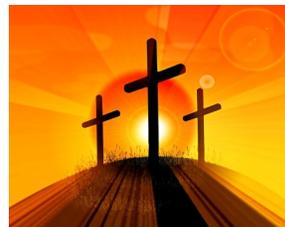
Good Friday



"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." This verse will end each reading of the 14 Stations of the Cross together with music and hymns.

Easter Resurrection Sunday

Suddenly everything changed! Death was not the end. Sins were no longer a barrier between us and God. There was hope--there was life! May you all live this life! Alleluia! Full worship with Holy Communion.



- ◆ Holy Thursday, April 1
- ◆ Good Friday, April 2
- ◆ Easter, April 4
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt--Sunday, April 11, 3pm
- ◆ Virtual Reopening Task Group mtg--Mon, April 5, 6:30pm
- ◆ Virtual Finance Team mtg--Thu, April 8, 6:30pm
- ◆ Virtual Church Council mtg--Mon, April 12, 6:30pm
- ◆ Earth Day--Thursday, April 22

Message from the Pastor

“There’s no place to go to find Him, there’s nothing to do to find Him, He is already there”.
---Thomas Keating, “The Better Part”

It’s hard to believe it’s been just a year since the Covid19 pandemic changed everything.

One day things were rolling along as usual at the church--worship, meetings, other activities and the next, everything shut down with the exception of our office and daycare center.

We moved our worship and committee meetings and other activities to virtual. Surely most of you have had similar experiences. The rhythms of our lives have and still are disruptive.

However, here at Christ Community, we have experienced the grace of God to get us through each day. The pain, anxiety, disruption of the past year have taught us that we can do nothing except lean more fully into God’s unconditional promise of love for all people. This is the only way we can be free from the fears and anxiety of the day and more fully become the worshipping community we are called to be.

Pastor John



Message from the Council President

APRIL!!! It is a great time of year around here. Snow seriously melts and grass will start to green up later in the month. Spring brings the hope of new and exciting things for all of us. I will be getting a new knee in April and watch out! I will have several bionic parts and will be hard to keep up with.

Hopefully, many people have had a chance to get the vaccinations for Covid 19. I got mine and I am looking forward to be able to get out and about sometime soon, of course with social distancing and my mask when appropriate. Sounding like Summer will be more normal than last Summer.

Christ Community Lutheran Church has survived the pandemic so far and the future does look bright. Thanks to everyone for being faithful with your offerings. CCLC continues to have to pay the bills every month and we need your support. Thanks to our Worship Group that brings us the service every Sunday. We are able to feel like we are together at least for a little while each week. With the numbers coming down for active infections we are watching for the CDC, ELCA and State Health Departments waiting for the green light to open up. Things are much better than anticipated and I think we may be back to worshipping in person by later this Summer.

Keeping you all in my prayers. Easter Blessings to everyone.

Peace

Mary Hammer

Martin Luther

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.



Message from the Treasurer

“Let no one say ‘God has blessed me with money and possessions,’ and then live as if he and his God were alone in the world.”

No Rusty Swords
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In one of my devotional books, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, talks about “practical responsibility”. He says that even the things we earn are gifts. Since, everything is a gift then what we have comes from our relationship with others, i.e., our boss, our co-workers, our neighbors, our friends then we need to give something in return. We should give to all. Everyone of our neighbors has a need. Maybe it’s just a phone call because they are lonely, or some baked goods. Giving has no boundaries. It is our practical responsibility to others.

In James 2:5-7 we are told that God doesn’t play favorites and neither should we. So, what is our practical responsibility? How do we choose where we give of our excess? Lent is the perfect time to reflect on this and examine if I am practicing practical responsibility. Let’s add this to our Lenten reflections.

As of February 28, 2021, the Current & Loose giving was \$3,443 short for the month. Child Care Tuition was under budget for the month by \$438. Total childcare expenses were \$932 under budget this month. Our total expenses are \$2231 under budget. We ended the month with a deficit of **(\$2,022)**. I pray that this is just a fluke or timing issue. If you’re behind and are able, just catch up this month.

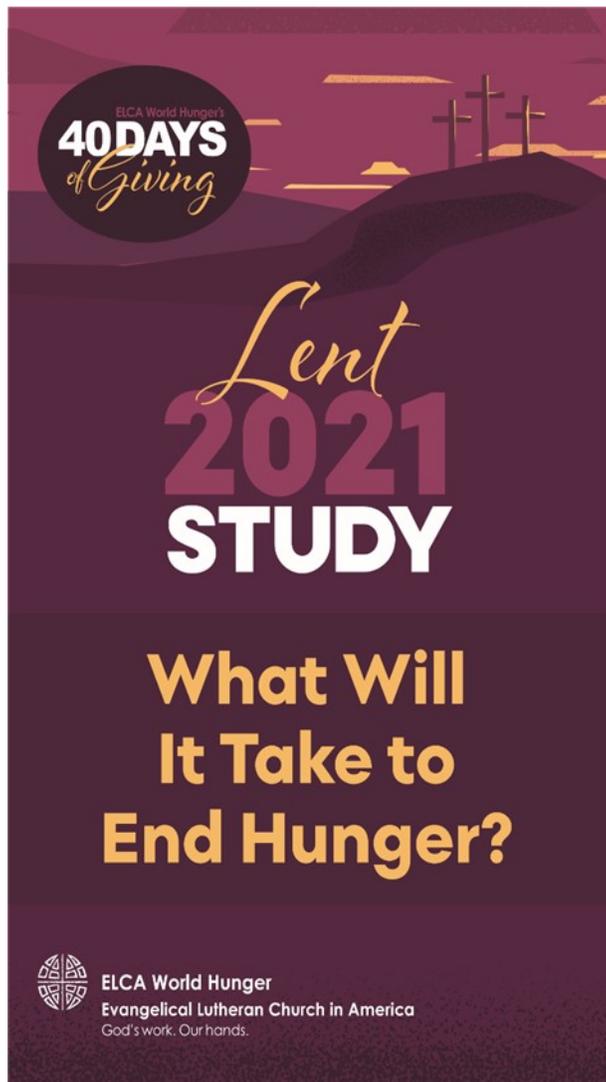
Lord, help us to see that what we have has been given and urges us to be generous and not hold our treasures to ourselves but practice practical responsibility.

Cathy Sell, Treasurer



Lenten Challenge

HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LENTEN CHALLENGE? HAVE YOU WALKED A MILE EACH DAY OF LENT – SO FAR? ARE YOU SAVING YOUR DOLLAR A DAY TO CONTRIBUTE \$40 TO WORLD HUNGER?



Although this information was late getting to you, you may be interested in a new Lenten Study series ***"What will it take to end hunger?"*** written by Dr. Ryan Cumming, Program Director, Hunger Education, ELCA World Hunger. You can still download the study booklet.

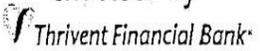
Dr. Cummings shares more about the intent of this study here:

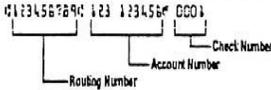
"What will it take to end hunger?" As so many of us know, this is not a thought experiment but an existential question concerning where and how we are to be church in a world where 690 million people are undernourished. Along the way, we will visit companions and partners around the world and learn from each of them about one of the "tools" we will need if we are to be a church committed to ensuring that all are fed.

So, we invite you to journey with us, to explore, learn, be challenged and be inspired together.

We would like to invite you to join us on this journey and are offering a noon session on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Feb. 24. Please complete the following form to indicate your interest: [Lenten Study Survey](#)

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving**® Program
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AGREEMENT I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

The Miracle of Morning

By Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman

I thought I'd awaken to a world in mourning.
Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming.
But there's something different on this golden morning.
Something magical in the sunlight, wide and warming.

I see a dad with a stroller taking a jog.
Across the street, a bright-eyed girl chases her dog.
A grandma on a porch fingers her rosaries.
She grins as her young neighbor brings her groceries.

While we might feel small, separate, and all alone,
Our people have never been more closely tethered.
The question isn't if we will weather this unknown,
But how we will weather this unknown together.

So on this meaningful morn, we mourn and we mend.
Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.

As one, we will defeat both despair and disease.
We stand with healthcare heroes and all employees;
With families, libraries, schools, waiters, artists;
Businesses, restaurants, and hospitals hit hardest.

We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.
In this chaos, we will discover clarity.
In suffering, we must find solidarity.

For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.
So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:
Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it.

Read children's books, dance alone to DJ music.
Know that this distance will make our hearts grow fonder.
From a wave of woes our world will emerge stronger.

We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind
Are also the moments that make us humans kind;
Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;
Heeding the light before the fight is over.
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing
In testing times, we became the best of beings.



Kelia Anne/Sun Literary Arts via AP

Life Teams

Parish Life

Hospitality, Care Teams, Fellowship

Spiritual Life

Faith Formation, Bible Study, Worship

Easter Egg Hunt



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for children on Sunday April 11 at 3pm. Anyone is welcome. If families are bringing children from outside the congregation, please let Betsy Ferrebee know so they can plan for enough eggs and outside social distancing.

Sunday School

We have been having lots of fun in Sunday school! We learned about when Jesus called Disciples and we practiced remembering their names by listening to a song. We also talked about how we can be disciples by telling others about God and traced our hands to look like fish to help remind us.



The next week we learned about one of the miracles Jesus performed by walking on water. Some of them said they probably would have hesitated just like Peter. We talked about Mary and Martha next and how they prepared for Jesus' visit differently, Martha cleaned and cooked while Mary came up with questions to ask Jesus. We could all relate to being distracted sometimes in our own lives. One question the kids would ask Jesus is how can God watch everyone at the same time.

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Spiritual Life

Faith Formation, Bible Study, Worship

One of my favorite lessons was when we talked about Jesus turning the water into wine at a wedding. I loved the look of surprise on the kids faces as I poured water into what looked like an empty cup and the water turned red. We also did the chicken dance together since we were talking about a wedding.



Feeding 5,000 people we could imagine would take a lot of food so when they learned that Jesus took a boy's lunch that he brought and offered to share with the crowd they were amazed that Jesus turned 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish into enough food for all 5,000 people and even had leftovers. We made our own basket with bread

and fish to remind us that with God all things are possible and we wrote down things we could share with others like food, clothes that don't fit us, and toys or books we don't use anymore.

Most recently we learned about when Nicodemus talked to Jesus at night and Jesus told him that anyone who believes in him will be born again and have eternal life with God. We made a craft to help us understand that just like a caterpillar transforms/is born again and becomes a butterfly, we too are born again as a child of God and will have eternal life. We agreed it was hard to try to imagine just how long eternity is. I asked how far back do you remember and most of the older kids said they could remember being 2 or 3 years old. When I asked them how far forward can you imagine some said a day, a week, some said being a grownup but none of them could imagine being as old as a Granny they said.



Community Life

Outreach, Service, Evangelism

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive a great success



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the hygiene drive. We received 163 individual and multi-paks of hygiene items. This included 65 items from the childcare

families and staff. One large box was delivered to the church to collect our donations. We filled that box, plus four more large boxes. This will be very helpful to the homeless shelters.



Annual Community Garden

Plans for our annual community garden project are under way. Thrivent Financial has approved our forming of an Action Team and will be providing a prepaid credit card for \$250. This is anticipated to cover most of the expenses associated with the project. In April a garden fertilizer will be applied to the garden plot. Six volunteers from last year's garden team have agreed to work at the garden again this year. anyone is interested in helping for this Community Life project during this 2021 growing season, please contact Al Rasmussen.



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Miscellaneous news



Christ Community Lutheran Church is in desperate need for substitute teachers for the Childcare kids ages 2-7. It is an “as needed” paid position to fill in for sick days and vacation days for our Childcare teachers. The requirements for being a substitute teacher are to have some experience with young folks

(Moms, Dads, Grandmas, and Grandpas qualify as experienced) and be able to pass a criminal background check. Please contact the Childcare Director at 920-469-3178 if you would be interested.

Please pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested, like high school and college students, family and friends. This is not a huge commitment and it could be fun!

MASK OR NO MASK

I wear a mask to protect you
You wear a mask to protect me
That’s how it works, and it’s simple.

Without your mask, you are telling me
And everyone around you
That you don’t care about others.



CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

NAME	START OF TERM	END OF TERM
Mary Hammer, President	January 2018	January 2021
Bob Simpson, Vice-President	January 2020	January 2023
Paula Dupont, Secretary	January 2021	January 2024
Cathy Sell, Treasurer	January 2020	January 2023
Gary Duquaine	January 2019	January 2022
Del Whitmire	January 2019	January 2022
Doris Burdick	January 2020	January 2023
Kelly Delwiche	January 2019	January 2022
Betsy Ferrebee	January 2020	January 2023
Luann Simila	January 2019	January 2022

Prayer Chain



CCLC has a Prayer Chain and we are trying to update it. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain that is notified when a prayer request is made, please sign up on the sheets located in the fellowship area and indicate how you would like to be contacted: text, email or phone call. If you would like to make a prayer request please call or text Mary Hammer at 920-360-7987. If texting, please identify yourself in the text. If you are making the prayer request on behalf of someone else, please get permission from that person to proceed.

If you are unable to sign up at church you can call or email Mary Hammer, mjhammer@aol.com to get on the list.

Installation of a BISHOP



Anne Edison-Albright
April 11th, 2021
10:30 AM



You are invited to visit the ECSW Lay School of Ministry

Dates: March 19-20, 2021 and/or April 16-17, 2021

Course times: are Friday evening and Saturday morning

Worship Service is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

To attend courses please register at: <https://forms.gle/WGjDB6RTsMeuBmFG9>

For more information go to our Website: <https://ecswlayschool.org/>

For any questions, please send your message to: ecswlayschool@gmail.com

April 2021

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4 Easter Sunday 10a: Livestream & Recording of Worship Service	5 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs 6:30p: Reopening Task Group mtg	6	7	8 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs 6:30p: Finance Team mtg	9	10
11 10a: Livestream & Recording of Worship Service 3p: Easter Egg Hunt	12 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs 6:30p: Church Council mtg	13	14	15 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs	16	17
18 10a: Livestream & Recording of Worship Service	19 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs May newsletter articles due this	20	21	22 Earth Day 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs	23	24
25 10a: Livestream & Recording of Worship Service	26 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs	27	28	29 10:30a-1p: Pastor John office hrs	30	

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