

Christ Lutheran Church

March 2016

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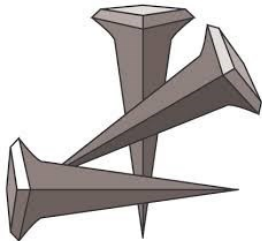


During this Lenten Season, parishioners of both Christ Lutheran and St. Elizabeth will join together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We encourage you to use Lent as an opportunity to seek a deeper walk with the Lord through prayer and fellowship with other members of our community. During Lent on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. a light dinner and Community Prayer Service will be held according to the schedule below:

March 2 at Christ Lutheran Church – 6:00 p.m.
March 9 at St. Elizabeth Parish – 6:30 p.m.
March 16 at Christ Lutheran Church – 6:00 p.m.

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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7 p.m. with
4th grade students
receiving first communion.

Good Friday

Tenebrae from Noon - 3 p.m.
Worship Service at 7 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27th

Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

As the weather begins to warm and evidence of the season's change becomes apparent, we are reminded of the upcoming special and holy celebration of Easter on Sunday, March 27th. I am writing today to invite you to attend our Holy Week and Easter services with Christ Lutheran CHURCH this year and hope that you will mark our services on your calendar now so you can be a part of this special celebration with us.

Certainly, there is no other event more sacred and meaningful to creation than the resurrection of Jesus Christ almost two-thousand years ago! Christ proclaimed to Martha in the book of John, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" (John 11:25). What a wonderful promise from scripture – one that is celebrated as much today as it was those many years ago. Through our study of biblical stories like this one, we know that Christ was seeking a personal relationship with those around Him... and He still seeks that with each of us today.

Please don't forget the Holy Week Services. Wednesday night, the 23rd will be the traditional midweek service. Maundy Thursday, the 24th will be a communion service with our 4th graders receiving the Sacrament of the Altar with their family members for the first time. Also I will be washing the feet of three members at this service (volunteers are needed). Good Friday the church will be open from 12-3 o'clock, the hours Christ was on the cross. I will have a homily every 25 minutes centered around the Seven Last Words of Christ on the cross. Also on Good Friday there will be a 7 p.m. traditional service (no communion).

Easter Sunday represents an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our relationship with a loving Creator and a wonderful Savior. It is a time for

us to apply eternal perspective to the daily matters at-hand and to contemplate our fate beyond these years on earth. I hope that you will come and celebrate with us on March 27th and any or all of the Holy Week Services as we seek to honor God Almighty for His steadfast faithfulness and sacrifice.

I pray that as you celebrate the upcoming holiday with family and friends, you will also find a renewed and revived faith and hope in the One who came to save us all. I pray that the words of scripture come alive for you during this season and that you don't just let it pass you by unnoticed. Please join us on Holy Week and Easter Sunday this year as we celebrate together!

Your servant in Christ,

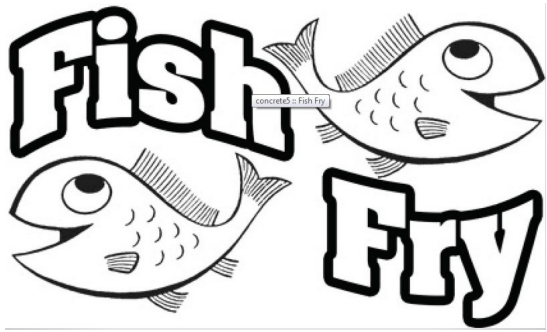
Pastor Ed



**Orders for
Easter Flowers
due March 3rd**



The 4th grade students will receive Holy Communion for the first time with their families on Maundy Thursday.



Friday, March 18, 2016
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Menu: Pollack/Walleye, Baked Cod,
Au Gratin Potatoes, French Fries,
Cole Slaw, Buttered Corn, Bread,
Dessert & Beverage

\$11.00	All You Can Eat
\$6.00	12 yrs. – 5 yrs.
Free	4 yrs. & under
\$10.00	Take Outs

*Volunteers
Needed*

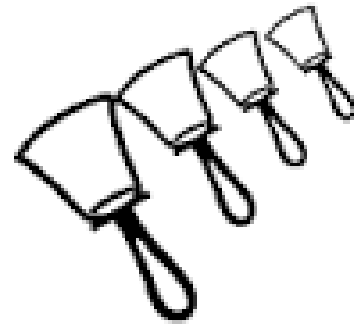
We need many volunteers to make the Fish Fry run smoothly. Please use the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to let us know where you would best like to serve. Thank you!



Hospitalized

Please keep in your prayers those members who have been hospitalized this last month . . .

Dorothy Heartwell



ATTENTION PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Pre-K thru 4th grade Sunday School Children will be ringing bells at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 13th. (O Sacred Head Now Wounded) Parents, we are practicing during Sunday school each Sunday, please try to have your children attend, as they love praising God.



Youth Retreat

There is a possibility that we could attend SPRING HILL for our junior through senior high. This retreat is not only a guaranteed good time, but also you will come back with the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in your heart. The date is March 11th-13th. The price is \$135 all inclusive. The registration deadline is quickly approaching so reservations need to be made ASAP! If you are interested in attending or chaperoning and would like to see a brochure please contact Isaac Zimmer at [989-928-4557](tel:989-928-4557).

2016 EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the CLC Education Scholarships will be available April 1, and can be picked up on the counter in the church office, they will not be online this year. Due date is May 1, 2016.



Project Linus

The next meeting of Project Linus will be Wednesday, March 9th from 9:30 to 11:30. Please come and help make blankets during our meeting time, or just come out for the fellowship and check us out. The blankets are donated to local hospitals and other organizations.

BLOCKHEAD QUILTERS

We will meet Wednesday, March 16th from 9:30 to 11:30. Come join us, and see how our new fundraiser quilt is coming. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be a quilter.



United Christian Community Service

Donations are always welcome!

For the next few months items for collection will be paper products, and personal items. Food donations can not be expired, any food donated should have an expiration date after January 1 of 2017. **Please check the date before you donate them.** Some were just donated that expired in 2013 and 2014, they can not be used.

Thank you for your continued support.

Deva Weber

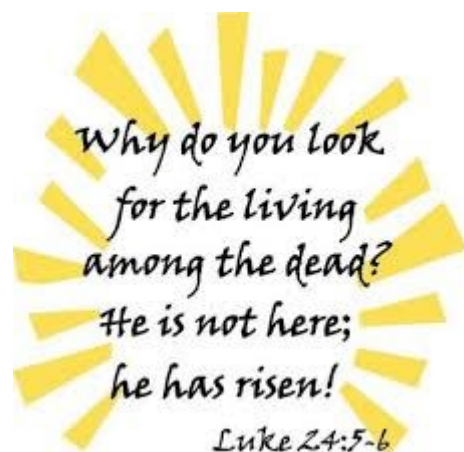


Bible Study

The Faith Circle will meet on Monday, March 7th, at 10:00 a.m. the Bible study lesson is Psalm 73. All are welcome.

Bible Study

Come join us for the monthly Bible Study on Thursday, March 10th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - "Living Beyond the Ordinary" Part 3 - Obstacles to Our Relationship With God - "Breaking Heartless Habits". Because we are such creatures of habit, repeating the same thing over and over will almost automatically cause it to lose its meaning and life. The Lord is not so much interested in just an outward display of affection. He wants our hearts!





**CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS
 "A Time For Pampering" -
 Sunday, May 1st at 12:00 Noon**

Program will be presented by Jessie Brink distributor of Poofy Organics...

"We will be taking some time to pamper you using only the most amazing products! Mothers and daughters will indulge in a luxurious chocolate macaroon sugar hand scrub followed by wonderfully moisturizing raspberry soufflé whipped body butter. There will be completely toxin-free nail polish available to finish off your hand pamper session if you choose. A table of many other products from lotions, soaps, cosmetics, face masks, and many other personal care products will be available to sample! Poofy Organics is a small family run business that was started in honor of the founder's mother (who survived breast cancer) to educate consumers about toxins in your personal care products. We provide safe, luxurious USDA Certified organic and 100% toxin free products that are made by hand, in small batches in New Jersey."

Menu:

Salads; Spaghetti; Garlic Bread;
 Dessert & Beverage

Tickets are:

Girls 13 & Up - \$8
 Girls 5-12 - \$5,
 Girls 4 & Under FREE

Tickets will be available from
 Denise Felske at 989-659-3190

Weekly Attendance	Worship	SS
2/7	173	
2/10	83	—
2/14	237	25
2/21		16

AN EVENING OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, March 12, 2016: join us for an evening of fellowship, and be sure to bring your family and friends. Come at 5:00 p.m. and praise God at the One Service; then at 5:45 p.m. enjoy a light supper with music and a sing along with Pastor Ed; and Euchre Fun begins at 6:30 p.m.



SPRING FLING DINNER DANCE

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
 (social time with appetizer served)

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Music Provided by: Double Take with Bill Stein.

\$12 per person
 CONTACT DENISE FELSKE
 989-659-3190 FOR TICKETS

Menu:

Appetizer; Tossed Salad; Swiss Steak; Mashed Potatoes & Gravy; California Blend Vegetables; Dessert; Punch & Coffee

February 1, 2016 Church Council Minutes

Present: Pastor Ed, Robbie Oldenburg, Tom Janson, Tim Elbers, Alex Squanda, Jan Histed, Isaac Zimmer, Ellen Schultz, Nancy Sylvester, Harold Avery, Debbie Sigelko, Dale Bremer, and Kelly Walz

Pastor opened in prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Installation of the new Church Council members will be February 14th. We need to print in the bulletin a week before.

Appointment of Ministry:

Ministry of Worship and Music: Robbie Oldenburg

Ministry of Education: Dale Bremer

Ministry of Youth and Family: Isaac Zimmer

Ministry of Congregational Life: Ellen Schultz

Ministry of Social Ministry and Outreach: Harold Avery

Ministry of Communication: Debbie Sigelko

Ministry of Property: Alex Squanda

Motion to accept made by Robbie, 2nd by Ellen

Everyone will need to send in their Ministry Reports and Financial Reports one week prior to the next Church Council meeting.

Nancy will get with Maria to go over all special funds information. Everything was up to date until 12-31-15.

We are still in need of a church secretary. We would like the secretary to be a member of our church and to have some knowledge of QuickBooks. Kris Bauer had offered to help organize everything and would train whomever we hire as well. The secretary would be responsible for the newsletter, the bulletins and posting that information to Facebook and the website. We will need to spruce up the wording in the bulletin.

Someone will need to log in the envelopes.

Jessie will be on maternity soon, Diane Osantowski has offered to do the March newsletter for salary.

We need to get Communion cards back in the

pews. This will help to determine our active member list.

Church Council will be hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on February 24th. Everyone is to be here by 5:00 p.m. to help set up. We need to bring soup, a loaf of bread and a dessert.

There is still an ant problem in the kitchen and the bathroom. Alex will need to get a quote from Orkin and Rose Pest.

Nancy and Rich Sylvester will donate the funds to get a new computer for Pastor. Tim will talk with Jeff Fountain with PC Plus to possibly work on setting up Pastor's new computer. Robbie made a motion to accept, Ellen 2nd.

Isaac has bond questions and will need to get with Jan.

We need to find 2 new members for the Trust.

We need to update the signature paperwork to Nancy's name.

Kelly will not be at the February 16th Council meeting. Someone will need to take notes.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

February 16, 2016 Church Council Minutes

Present: Pastor Ed, Tom Janson, Tim Elbers, Alex Squanda, Jan Histed, Isaac Zimmer, Ellen Schultz, Nancy Sylvester, Harold Avery, Debbie Sigelko, Dale Bremer, Kelly Walz, Deva Weber, and Ralph Publitz.

Dale opened with a devotion at 6:20 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly reports are to be submitted week prior to the council meeting, so that I can put the packets together for the council meeting and everyone can review them prior to the meeting.

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Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Dale, 2nd by Tim.

Current Expense Fund: Motion to approve made by Alex, 2nd by Harold.

Check Register Approval #2871-#28286: Question as to what CM ALMY was. Deva said it was church supplies. Motion to approve check register made by Dale, 2nd by Tim.

Deva Weber's Proposal on Remodeling the Sanctuary for Handicap/Wheel Chairs: Deva submitted a drawing and is proposing to take 3 to 4 pews from the North Wall up front and place those short pews in three to four places throughout the sanctuary. One would be up front, one in the very back and one somewhere in the middle. We talked about letting people in the congregation know and possibly putting it in the newsletter, to get feed back from the congregation. It shouldn't cost anything but some labor to switch around the pews. It shouldn't affect the carpet too noticeably. Tom has requested to move this to unfinished business next month, as to give Tom, Alex and Pastor Ed some time to look at the pews and see if it will work.

Deva Weber's Proposal for Removing Old Baptismal Font and Covering the Cemented Portion with a Tile Mural: Rick and Dale can remove the font and cement it in for around \$150. Deva said she talked to some one who can make the tiles and do a mural on the tiles. She believes the cost will be over \$1,000. Tom advised her to proceed with getting an estimate on the cost.

Pastor's Report: Pastor submitted a report.

*Pastor let Alex know that there is a leak in the shed.

*Pastor would like to upgrade the phones and answering machine. There is currently no caller ID. He would like to have a system with a buzzer, so in case of emergency, the secretary could buzz in.

*Pastor also asked if the check had been written to Steve Lein. Jan is to check into it.

*Ministry of Congregational Life is to help with

pulling together the church membership list. A letter will be going out to inactive members. Council will need to look at and approve the letter. We need to figure out a plan of action as to the best way to get people to respond.

Unfinished Business:

***Electrical / Lighting** – Al S. will work on changing all of the alter lights.

***Air Conditioning / Heating** – Continue discussing this topic and will gather all quotes. A congregational vote will have to take place when a decision is made since it is over \$5,000.

***Parking Lot** – Al S. will get a Quote on sealing and repainting lines for the parking lot. He will also get a price on adding another pole by the outer building. Tabled for now.

***Windows in Parsonage** – tabled for now.

***Garbage/Dumpsters** – Tim checked with the village – we could get a dumpster with weekly or bi-weekly pickup. A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Harold to approve getting a dumpster with bi-weekly pickup at \$75 per pickup. Tim will also look at canceling the parsonage trash pickup from Blumfield Township – not sure if this can happen.

***2016 Mission Support Ministries** - local, national and worldwide, will be designated the same as in Calendar year 2015. Motion was made by Deb S. and seconded by Nancy S. – motion carried. Also the **Lenten and Easter Offerings** – will be designated equally to Reese Food Bank, CLC Sunday School and Gideon's. Ash Wednesday will be designated to the General Fund. Motion was made by Al S. and seconded by Deb S. – motion carried.

***Office Computers** – Pastor Ed has a new computer that was donated from members of our church. The office will be using the computer program "Shepherd's Staff" which it currently uses, but not too its fullest extent. Shepherd's Staff is a Windows-based church management software. We will be upgrading to the newest version and will be using the payroll function along with adding all of our special funds to this reporting instead of moving over to QuickBooks. The office staff will be receiving training and support from Shepherd's Staff support group. The goal is

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to bring all of the checkbooks into one area of the church. Tim made a motion to purchase the first year of the software at \$675 and \$200 for training webinars and it was seconded by Nancy S. – motion carried.

***Office Secretary** – interviewed one applicant before the council meeting and another one is scheduled for tomorrow. Executive Committee along with Pastor Ed are conducting these interviews.

New Business:

***Trust Insurance** – Isaac Z. was asked to price out insurance to bond our trustees for the Trust Committee. It was quoted as \$2,500 deductible for \$325 per year or \$5,000 deductible for \$317 annually. A motion was made by Tim to approve the quote of \$2,500 deductible for \$325 annually, seconded by Tom J. – motion carried.

***Insurance** – Church Farm Bureau Policy does not include Auto Coverage for employees when they are driving for church business. This coverage currently costs \$3,784 per year. The new quote from Isaac Zimmer quoted Hasting Insurance at a rate of \$3,721 annually and it will include the Auto Coverage. The motion was made by Tim to approve the quote from Isaac for the new insurance which includes Property/Casualty Insurance at a rate of \$3,721 per year and it was seconded by Deb Sigelko – motion carried. A letter will be sent to Farm Bureau to cancel our insurance policy as of March 1, 2016.

***Trust** – It was brought to the Council to approve the Trust Committee Trustees, which consist of Rick Zimmer, Chris Bublitz, and Tom Janson. It was also noted that a fourth member needed to be appointed, which should be the Church Council Secretary. A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Robbie O. to approve the Trust Committee Trustees. Motion Carried

Ministry Officers Reports-

***Ministry of Property** – it was requested of Al Squanda to check the air filter on the air conditioner on the roof of the church. It was also noted that the ant problem in the church was being addressed.

***Ministry of Worship & Music** – Robbie handed out the Worship & Music minutes from the Feb. 4, 2016 meeting. It was noted that the Advent Can-

dles and the Christ Candle and stand need to be replaced due to discoloring, chipping and the brittleness from old age. The Altar guild has requested this from the Memorial Committee.

***Social Ministry & Outreach** – Harold noted no new business

***Ministry of Congregational Life** – Ellen S. asked that the flyer from the “Living Christ” from St. Michael’s be posted on our bulletin board.

***Ministry of Education** – Dale handed out the minutes from the Feb. 15, 2016 meeting – no action was required.

***Ministry of Communications** – Deb S. noted that she was able to start moving around on the church’s website and noted it was set up in a “Word Pressed” format. She requested that an updated picture of Pastor Ed and his family would be added to the website. It was also discussed and noted that the council would like Pastor Ed to preview the church newsletter before it is distributed. Discussion also took place over the old “Welcome Brochure” from our church. It was noted that Deb will update this brochure and we would start using these brochures to promote the church to new members and the community.

***Ministry of Youth & Family** – Isaac Z. noted that the Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser raised \$318 dollars. He also discussed starting a high school Breakfast Club. He has also started a “Small Group” (worship group). It was also discussed that youth in 7th grade through high school should contact Isaac if they were interested in attending Spring Hill this year.

***The council distributed handouts from Ralph Bublitz regarding the life insurance proceeds that his brother, Lawrence’s estate had left to the church. After reviewing the handouts, it was noted that all of the funds are where Lawrence requested them, and after an independent 3 year audit by Chris Bublitz and Peter Haake, that there was no wrong doing. Ralph could not stay for the whole meeting, so this matter was tabled and the council will invite Ralph to the March 2016 meeting if he would like to address the council.**

After closing with the Lord’s Prayer, the motion to adjourn was made by Dale and seconded by Jan, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Kelly Walz and Jan Histed

March Birthday's

Best wishes for a Happy Birthday! We are recognizing those persons who have reached the milestone of 80 years old and above. May God bless you.

1	Darlene Mallory Deborah Heinzman Wayne Stockmeyer Julie Redwanz Nicholas White	15	Tyler Rupprecht
		16	Tom Magnus Tina Cole Cecilia Smith
2	Carol Waldorf Michelle Yockey Dave Edwards	17	Christopher Palmreuter
		18	Wayne Heinzman Tom Lynch David Sigelko William Ward
3	Irene Ramsden - over 80 Matthew Launstein	19	Bret Lubaczewski
5	Bill Janson - 80 th Todd Schultz Calvin Morley Kevin Jammer Kelly VanDenBoom Bob Duperon	20	James Garcia, Jr. Cali Chalker
		21	Nicole Rethman Darla Kolomak Faith Thomas
6	Ann Bublitz Christian Spiekerman Matthew Williamson Mitchell Wagner	22	Kevin Thomas
		24	Dean Heartwell Marcus Kuehnemund
7	Greg Davis Scott Marx Ralph Bublitz - over 80 Rob Arlt Roxanne Landress Haylee Kussro	25	Mary Bauer Lorraine Spiekerman Laura Squanda Cassidy Stephens Jacob Garcia
		26	Jim Mueller Marilyn "Jo" Achenbach Kim Stockenauer Faren Walkovich
10	George Zurvalec Emily Rupprecht	27	Carol Jasman John Belger Kristopher Kolomak
11	Rich Palmreuter		
12	Jeffrey Palm, Jr. Nancy Swanton Terry Tack	31	Kaitlyn Watkins Jeff Trea
13	Jenna Lynch Kathy Belger		
14	Catherine Merrow		

March Anniversaries

2	Ted & Denise Felske	1974		18	Jason & Cari Frost	2000
14	Joshua & Ashley Czerkies	2009		23	Jaron & Kristi McCracken	2013
16	Rich & Nancy Sylvester	1974		25	Rob & Kathy Rau	1995
17	Bill & Janet Janson	1979		26	George & Jaye Weiss	1971

Worship Assistants for March 2016

Date	Time	Greeters	Lectors	Communion Set-up	Communion Assistant	Acolytes	Usher Teams
Mar. 2	7 PM	Lenten Service		XXX	XXX	Nathaniel Torrez	
Mar. 6	8:00	Joyce Simpson	Kelly VanDenBoom	Dale Bremer	Jim Jasman	Zach Walz	Teams 2
Mar. 6	10:30	Mike & Marcia Ruhanen	Cooper Shores		Deva Weber	Wyatt Schember	
Mar. 13	8:00	Kelly & David VanDanBoom	Dave Edwards	Darla Kolomak	Denise Felske	Lucas Connelly	Teams 3
Mar. 13	10:00	Pat Ryan	Gracie Lefler		Wendy Oczepek	Libby Redwanz	
Mar. 16	7:00	Lenten Service		XXX	XXX	XXX	
Mar. 20	8:00	Lucille Markhart	Kelly Walz	Ellen Schultz/ Kathy Bublitz	Robbie Oldenburg	Sydney Histed	Teams 1
Mar. 20	10:30	Mariann Montgomery	Jennifer Shores		Deva Weber	Shelby Keyes	
Mar. 24	7:00	Maundy Thurs.	Need Volunteer	Deva Weber	Carol Jasman	Breanna Rocha	Teams 2
Mar. 25	7:00	Good Friday	Kelly VanDenBoom or Renee Zimmer	XXX	XXX	Emily Rupprecht	Teams 3
Mar. 27	7:30	Alvin & Bernie Miens	Dave Edwards	Deva Weber	Jim Jasman	Zach Walz	Teams 1
Mar. 27	10:30	Ralph & Marcy Bublitz	Jennifer Shores		Deva Weber	Beck Shores	

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			Communication	Debbie Sigelko	751.5120
			Education	Dale Bremer	928.6624
			Property	Alex Squanda	868.9748
			Social Ministry	Harold Avery	673.3129
			Worship & Music	Robbie Oldenburg	928.9838
			Youth & Family	Isaac Zimmer	928.4557

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