

## +Christian Symbol+

### DOORPOSTS

The image of a blood-marked doorframe is from the Passover account in Exodus. God directed the Israelites to slaughter lambs for a final meal and paint their doorposts with the blood. God sent the Angel of Death to kill the firstborn sons of Egypt, but the blood signaled that the Destroyer should “pass over” those homes. Likewise, the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, saves us from eternal death.

# Chapel News

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*He is Risen*

# Chapel News

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Our Staff and Council

<b>Pastor</b>	
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Debbie Geerlof
<b>Sexton</b>	Bob Sakala
<b>Director of Music Ministries</b>	Michael Wittenburg
<b>President</b>	Chris Nilsen
<b>Vice President</b>	Bill Jaichner
<b>Council Secretary</b>	Pam Sakala
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Berinato
<b>Recording Fin. Secty</b>	Pat Berinato
<b>Financial Secty</b>	Marge Tomaselli

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<b>Christian Education Shepherd</b>	Pam Sakala
<b>Worship</b>	Carrie Ralston Marge Tomaselli

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<b>Advertising Servant</b>	Linda Polise Anne Carman Rosemary Chandra Jan Behnke
<b>Stewardship</b>	

### Administrative Team

<b>Financial Property</b>	Chuck Young Bill Jaichner Chris Nilsen
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## Holy Week Services

Friends, we welcome you to worship in the name of the one God who has defeated death forever by raising Jesus from the tomb. We too now walk in new life.

**Maundy Thursday 8:00pm**  
**Good Friday 8:00pm**  
**Easter Sunday 10:00am**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!



## Vibrant Belief

The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.



### Please pray for these loved ones...

Dolores Brickman, Maggie Brower, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Charlie Eidel, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Carol Hodgins, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Erin Raffery, Bucky Ralston, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall and Peter Zingaro

### And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

### And those who can't always be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

# Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaats Memorial Scholarship



If you are an active member of Christ Lutheran Church and are planning to attend college or an advanced training program this fall, you may be eligible to apply for the Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaats Memorial Scholarship. Please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138 for the application (due by April 16, 2023). Applicants will be considered based on church activity, community activity, and academic achievement.

## GET YOUR RID OF STUFF

## Annual Spring Yard Sale

Christ Lutheran will be participating in the town wide yard sale on **Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 3pm.**

Sign up on the church door to reserve your own table or to work the church table. We're also looking for individually-wrapped donations for our baked goods table.

For more information or any questions, see Pam Sakala or call the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

## Easter Errors

The Resurrection occurred without a hitch, but church services aren't always as fortunate. Here are some Easter goofs...

During a prayer, one pastor said, "Jesus, we love you to death." Though it was fitting, the slip-up led to chuckles.

Before leading a sunrise service, a pastor was informed of a member's death. So he was briefly "thrown ... when she walked up in the early morning shadows." Turns out there'd been a name mixup. "I believe in resurrection power," says the pastor. "But I was more than a little surprised at what I was seeing!"

# April

Lay Assistant | Usher  
Altar Guild | Counter  
Schedule

**Counter** Chuck Young

## PALM SUNDAY

**APRIL 2** 10:00am

**Lay Assistant** Bill Jaichner

**Usher** Linda Comery

**Altar Guild** Marge Tomaselli

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**APRIL 6** 8:00pm

**Lay Assistant** Chris Nilsen

**Usher** Linda Polise

**Altar Guild** All help

## GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL 7** 8:00pm

**Lay Assistant** Carrie Ralston

**Usher** Anne Carman

**Altar Guild** (None needed)

## EASTER

**APRIL 9** 10:00am

**Lay Assistant** Pam Sakala

**Usher** Terry Calise

**Altar Guild** All help

**APRIL 16** 10:00am

**Lay Assistant** Pat Berinato

**Usher** Linda Polise

**Altar Guild** Lore Braun

**APRIL 23** 10:00am

**Lay Assistant** Bob Denicola

**Usher** Anne Carman

**Altar Guild** Linda Polise

**APRIL 30** 10:00am

**Lay Assistant** Bill Jaichner

**Usher** Linda Polise

**Altar Guild** Gina Lally

# How Jesus Says Your Name

It's been said that when someone loves you, they say your name differently. Your name is "safe" coming from their mouth.

Mary Magdalene found this to be true. Walking alone in the dark to Jesus' tomb, she wanted nothing less than for a concerned loved one to interrupt her private grief, crooning her name in pity: "Oh, Mary, there, there." Or worse, someone from her old life who would spit her name like a curse, not knowing that Jesus had cast out her demons. But then Mary saw the tomb open and panicked, ran to get Simon, hurried back to the garden. Angels addressed her — not by name, just "Woman ..." — and then a gardener: "Woman ..."

Except then — "Mary" — this man knew her after all, speaking her name so knowingly, tenderly, lovingly that she recognized him. "Mary." Her name was safe in his mouth, her life safe in his care. He wasn't the gardener. He was her teacher, her friend, her Savior.

Friend, your name also is safe in Jesus' mouth, your life safe in his care, for he loves you deeply.

## The God Who Hides

Isaiah declares, "Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior" (45:15, ESV). But why would God hide? Isn't our knowing God the point? Martin Luther explained that God hides in unexpected places so as not to be found where the world assumes a god would be — in power, status, fame, wealth — but to be found in weakness, humility and places of suffering.

"Those who have found God in the cross of Jesus Christ," said 20th-century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "know how wonderfully God hides himself in this world and how he is closest precisely when we believe him to be most distant." So God assures us of his presence in the humble manger, among the poor and outcast during his ministry, in the excruciating suffering of the cross, and with us in every struggle.

God hides not to avoid us but so we will discover him precisely where we need him most, and where others need us most.

## Bible Quiz

The night before Jesus' crucifixion, he demonstrates humble service by washing his disciples' \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hands
- B. feet
- C. hair
- D. supper dishes



Answer: B (See John 13:1-17.)



**Corinne Sakala**  
April 3

**Matthew Savage**  
April 15

**Sam Ralston**  
April 18

**Margarete Stefanzick**  
April 19

**Linda Polise**  
April 24

*Christ*  
IS  
*Risen*  
INDEED  
*Alleluia!*

# APRIL 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><b>30</b>                  Worship Service (CH)                  10:00am</p> 		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">  <p><b>Mother's Day</b>                      May 14</p> <p><b>Church Yard Sale</b>                      May 20</p> </div>			<p><b>1</b>                  Crafty Ladies (OB)                  10:00am</p> 	
<p><b>2</b>                  Palm Sunday                  Worship Service (CH)                  10:00am</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>                  Maundy Thursday                  Worship Service (CH)                  8:00pm</p> 	<p><b>7</b>                  Good Friday                  Worship Service (CH)                  8:00pm</p> 	<p><b>8</b></p> 
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<p><b>23</b>                  Worship Service (CH)                  10:00am                  Council Meeting (OB)                  11:30am</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>