



+Christian Symbol+

Lily

The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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In-Person Holy Week Services

Friends, we welcome you to worship in person 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
8:30am
and 10:30am

For those who feel more comfortable worshipping at home, Pastor Hayley will record each service and have it available on YouTube.

The following are guidelines that we will follow for the health and well-being of all of us:

- Upon entering the church, your temperature will be taken.
- You be asked to complete a health questionnaire, only the **first** time you attend.
- Attendance will be taken at each service.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from others – exceptions are made if you are from the same family and living under the same roof.
- You must wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times while in the church building.
- Singing and verbal responses will be limited and done in a soft voice.
- Socializing is not permitted **inside** the building, before or after worship.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!



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FROM THE PASTOR

Letter from Pastor Hayley

We are hoping that Spring is here!

The season of planting seeds for new life to bloom is here! I am so happy to see your faces again, even if we still have to see each other with masks! It has been a couple of weeks since we started to gather back in the church, hoping to do more things carefully while following the necessary precautions.

This past year was harsh for everybody. As individuals and as a congregation, we were isolated and felt disconnected. We were not able to see our loving families, relatives, and friends for a long time. No definite end date for the pandemic made us all fearful and frustrated. Even though we were physically distant from each other, we kept our Sunday worship going with in-home worship with printed bulletins and online worship. We carried on God's loving message as people of God.

Now the new month begins with Holy Week, and we are familiar with the phrase "April showers bring May flowers." Our hope for this Spring is a little different than last year.

The first step is that we are going to have an Easter service in the church. As much as we are excited to have it in our sanctuary, we have to be careful with our precautions. So, as you all know, we contacted you to see whether you and your family are planning to attend, and if so, whether you will attend the 8:30am or 10:30 am service. We need to know this information so we can make sure we

can accommodate our members safely in the sanctuary.

Whether you are able to be with us physically, spiritually, or virtually, we are all going to celebrate Easter together. As Christians, our hope in Christ's journey from Good Friday to Easter is that despite the fact that darkness lies in front of us, we are always hoping for the light called Christ to save us.

As we dream of the new life blooming in Spring, we question what the next chapter as a congregation will be, with vaccinations and continuing to wear masks. Honestly, I do not know how long we will have to wear masks in the sanctuary or hold our louder voices down to sing hymns, but we are thankful for the progress that we have made, that we now can physically gather, and we are grateful to be able to sing hymns with our soft voices.

So during this current situation we will keep dreaming of how we can spread the gospel, the good news of God through the death and resurrection of Christ. This cannot be done with one person's effort but as a group, as people of God, so share your dream with us and let us dream together. What are the seeds of hope that we will plant this year? What will bloom in this new season?

In Christ,

Pastor Hayley

God is Love

-1 John 4:16

Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ken Cutler, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Robyn Garfield, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Soon Yong Kim, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Carolyn Sidor, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

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

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

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down Life's highway a long time ago. One day, I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store."

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide, and when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store, and all you couldn't carry, you could come back next day for more.

First, I got some **patience**. **Love** was in the same row. Further down, was **understanding**. You need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of **wisdom** and a bag or two of **faith**. I just couldn't miss the **Holy Spirit**, for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some **strength** and **courage** to help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered to get some **grace**. I

didn't forget **salvation**, for salvation is free.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw **prayer** and I just had to put that in, for I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin. **Peace** and **joy** were plentiful; they were on the last shelf. **Song** and **praises** were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again, I smiled, and said, "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago."

Submitted by Evelyn Schramm

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. Applications are due by April 15, 2021, and applicants will be considered based on church activity, community activity, and academic achievement.

Bible Quiz



We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

Believing In

Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it's more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn't have to know the precise roads to Grandma's house; he only needs to believe in his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief in the risen Christ transform and empower us.

In the words of Madeleine L'Engle (*The Rock That Is Higher*): "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."

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He
is not here;
he has risen!

Luke 24:6

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				<p>1 </p> <p>Maundy Thursday In-Person Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Good Friday In-Person Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 </p> <p>Easter In-Person Worship Service (CH) 8:30am and 10:30am <i>Virtual service to follow on YouTube</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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