



Welcome to the Light

The Heart-felt Journey Continues – Lent into the Three Days

March 4, 11, 18 – Sundays in Lent

*Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., Education at 11:05 (children), 11:15 (adults)
Adult Forums will be Bible studies on stories from the book of Genesis
led by Pastor Carlson.*

March 7, 14, 21 – Midweek worship

*Morning Prayer at 11:30 a.m., followed by soup lunch
Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m., with soup supper at 6:00 p.m.*

Sunday, March 25 – Sunday of the Passion and Procession with Palms

*Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. including a dramatic reading of the Passion
according to Mark*

THE THREE DAYS

March 29 – Maundy Thursday

*Worship at 7:00 p.m. Eucharist with Sermon on the Steps, footwashing
(voluntary), stripping of the altar. A kid-friendly service!*

March 30 – Good Friday

*Worship at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. The noon service will help us enter
into a contemplation of the cross. The evening service will be the Service
of the Cross with choir music.*

Saturday, March 31 – Vigil of Easter

*This dramatic service begins at 8:30 p.m. with the lighting of the new
fire, followed by creative readings from Old and New Testaments,
remembrance of baptism, gathering around the altar for the first
communion of Easter, and a festive reception.*

Sunday, April 1 – The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

*Festival eucharist at 9:30 a.m. with brass, choir, the Easter garden, and
lots of alleluias!*



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Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Eucharist 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship

October through May

Godly Play for children ages 3–6, 11:05am–12:00

Spark! for children ages 7 & up, 11:05–12:00

Educational forum, 11:15–12:15pm

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Council Members	Hilary Gebauer Max Herzberg DeAne Lagerquist Marcus Nooney Rachel Slater

March Birthdays

- 3/8 Joel Eisfelder
- 3/9 Mick Bergquist
Martin Thompson
- 3/11 Ted Buegel
- 3/12 Greg Madson
- 3/13 Denise Morelock
- 3/14 Matthew Krueger
Jody McGuire
- 3/15 Marilyn Kochsiek
- 3/16 Renee Bergquist
- 3/18 Margaret Graebner
Pat Baehler
- 3/21 Wynn Johnston
- 3/22 Vivian Bartsch
Ann Davis
Pete Gawreluk
- 3/23 Barbara Johnson
- 3/24 Howard Polsfuss
Sally Messner
- 3/25 Lennox Stugelmeyer
- 3/26 Tatiana Lenskaia
June Woestehoff
- 3/28 Phyllis Mattill
- 3/29 Claire Rosenfrisk
- 3/30 Andrew Hokkanen
Avis Swenson

Helping Hands for March

- Birgitte & John Christianson
- Daniel Holmgren
- Brad Hubert & Martin Thompson
- Mark Jensen
- DeAne Lagerquist
- Melody Pauling
- Howard Polsfuss
- Joanne Seltz
- Cliff Siewert
- Luann & Gary Skrivseth
- Elayne & Dick Strom
- Robert Swanson
- Janice & Gary Wahlstrom
- Hilary & Colin Watkins
- Ina Ziegler

All church members are part of Helping Hands. You may be asked to help with Sunday Coffee and hospitality related events as needs arise. Mary Bode and Joanne Seltz, coordinators.



Save the Dates

Our new organ is nearing completion, so it's time to mark your calendars for three significant events.

Barring any unforeseen delays, Sunday, April 22, will be the day the organ is blessed and used for the first time in worship. Come hear it and join in the rejoicing at this milestone in Christ Church's history!

On the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 20, Dr. Gregory Peterson, our organ consultant, will present an inaugural recital at 2:00 p.m. Earlier in the day, he will lead a forum about our new organ at 11:15, and after the forum there will be a luncheon for all.

And in the fall, on Sunday, September 30, world-renowned organist Dr. Martin Jean from Yale University will present a dedicatory recital.

Pastoral Acts

February 10—Pastor Carlson presided at the funeral of Mary Corby, mother of Sharon Mueller, at Dawn Valley Chapel.

Milla Adeline Gilbert, daughter of Thomas and Tuula, was baptized on Transfiguration Day, February 11. Pastor Carlson presided.

Lectionary Readings for March

March 4

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-36

March 25

Sunday of the Passion

Mark 11:1-11
Mark 14:1—15:47

Three Days

March 29

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1—19:42

March 31

Vigil of Easter

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Isaiah 55:1-11
Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Ezekiel 36:42-48 ▶

Jonah 1:1—2:1
Daniel 3:1-29
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

April 1

Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

From the Church Council

Update for March

The Council would like to thank everyone who was involved in writing and compiling the 2017 Annual Report, as well as all who attended and presented at the congregation's February Annual meeting. Most of all, we are grateful for our congregation's marvelous generosity and spirit. We look forward to the myriad ways our many hands will do God's work in 2018!

Our February meeting was the first of the newly installed Council. Matthew Courtney provided a devotion by reading a passage from Thomas à Kempis's *Imitation of Christ* that reflects upon the difficulties of following in the way of Christ's suffering on the cross. He closed with a prayer for God's peace that was adapted from "Lord of Our Life," the offering song in the previous Sunday's worship.

We welcomed Past-President Bob Victorin-Vangerud as a guest for the first item of business in the 2018 Council cycle. Representing the Racial Justice Task Force, he provided a preliminary report on the task force's work and solicited Council's response to outlines of a plan to invite the congregation into a series of conversations about the experience of suffering and injustice by people of color. The task force envisions that Luther's Theology of the Cross could be a touchstone for our conversation on this challenging topic. Council expressed its gratitude for the task force's leadership.

As a new Council, we discussed opportunities to enhance the ways that we might liaise with various committees and groups. Kate and Max volunteered to present a recommendation at our March meeting. We also confirmed that Council will hold its spring retreat on March 17.

Pastor Carlson reported on our ongoing participation in the Leipzig Exchange. Our dear friend Pastor Helge Voigt is coordinating a group of leaders from our partner congregation, the Sophienkirchgemeinde, to travel to Minneapolis in October 2018 to continue our exchange of culture, friendship, and faith. More information will be available as these exciting plans develop. We received regular reports and ended with the Lord's Prayer.



L to R: Pastor Kristine Carlson, Melody Pauling, DeAne Lagerquist, Pastor Erik Haaland, Hilary Gebauer, Marcus Nooney, Rachel Slater, Kate Haugen, Max Herzberg, Dan Mueller, Matthew Courtney

Courier Closeup – Steve Seltz

When did you start attending Christ Church Lutheran and what brought you here?

My family moved a lot during my early years. We lived in the area in the late 1950s and attended Christ Church Lutheran. I was baptized and my sister Lynn was confirmed here. We then moved to the Kenny neighborhood of Minneapolis and my family became members of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church on Chicago Avenue. We finally moved to Richfield where I went to high school and still attended Mt. Zion. I returned to Christ Church occasionally over the years for funerals, and my mom and I attended the church's 75th anniversary celebration in 1986. I returned back to my roots at Christ Church full time in 2017.

Do you live in the neighborhood?

I have resided at Walker Methodist Assisted Living in Minneapolis since last August. I have no complaints. They have an outstanding staff and I have many friends there who have become like an extended family to me.

What was your career?

My rewarding work right out of Richfield High School in 1978 was as a long-term care Nursing Assistant. The last 25 years I worked at Oak Terrace Nursing Home and then the Veterans' Home, but it ended abruptly in May 2003 after I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Do you have family in the area?

My sister Patti lives in Florida and my sister Laurie lives in Missouri, but my sister Lynn lives in Chaska. I also have five nieces and nephews as well as a great-niece and great-nephew who live in the area.



What about our church keeps you coming back?

I wanted to be reconnected to the church where I was baptized. I also liked the content of the sermons and the music.

Are there any events or activities you have been involved in here?

I went on the trip to Lake City, Iowa, to see where the church's organ is being built. That was very interesting.

How does Christ Church Lutheran help you live and share your faith?

I like the traditional worship that I grew up with here and I wanted to get back to that. Mt. Zion has more of a contemporary service.

What do you do when you're not in church?

I do a lot of volunteer work. I do guest relations for the Minnesota History Center; clerical work for the National MS Society, and help pack meals for people with chronic illnesses for Open Arms of Minnesota.

What can you tell us about yourself that we may not have known?

For eight years I wrote a monthly newsletter for The Thunderbird Midwest Club of which I am still a member. I had a vintage 1961 red hardtop T-Bird for eleven years that I auctioned off when I was diagnosed with MS.

"Closeup" is a Courier feature to help us get better acquainted with our fellow Christ Church Lutheran members. If you would like to share your story in "Closeup," call Donna Lindberg at 651.552.8499.

Eco-Palms for Palm/Passion Sunday

The palms we wave on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25, in worship are special! They are Eco-Palms.

Eco-Palms was founded by Dean Current, director of the Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management at the University of Minnesota and a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul. It promotes social justice and environmental stewardship by selling fair-trade palms.

In 2001, Current began working with the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), prompted by a concern for declining palm populations in Central America. Churches—and their desire for palms on Palm/Passion Sunday—were some of the main contributors to this problem.

In a few years' time, Current and the CEC, along with Lutheran World Relief and farmers in Guatemala, had developed a way for fair-trade palms to be purchased by congregations in the United States, and Eco-Palms was born.

The cost to a congregation is somewhat more. For instance, Christ Church orders 200 palms, and we pay about 25% more for Eco-Palms (about \$15.00). But that extra cost is worth it! We are supporting small farmers and their communities. We are supporting sustainable agriculture efforts. And we are helping to conserve the rainforest. So on Palm/Passion Sunday, we can wave our palms with great joy!

It's Time to Fill Up the Wheelbarrow!

March finds us in the midst of Lent; it's also time for the Minnesota Food Share collection drive!

During the first three weeks of March, Christ Church Lutheran will be collecting food, personal care supplies, and cash for Community Emergency Service (CES). Please consider a cash donation, food donation, or a donation of personal care items—toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap (in smaller size containers), toothbrushes, toilet paper, deodorant, etc.



If you would like to contribute food, please keep in mind that cash goes farther than cans and boxes (food shelves buy at a discount) but your offering of cans, boxes, and jars will be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the wheelbarrow at the back of the church. Checks can be made payable to Christ Church Lutheran (*Food Drive* on the memo line) and placed in the Sunday offering. The collection will run through Sunday, March 18.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions!

Here is a list of items desired at CES:

Food:

Cooking Oil
 Flour, 4 lb. bag
 Sugar, 4 lb. bag
 Beef stew & chili
 Canned chicken
 Canned ham
 Canned tuna
 Canned fruit
 Canned pasta meals
 Canned tomatoes
 Coffee, small bags
 Jelly
 100% fruit juice

Hygiene:

Toothbrush/toothpaste
 Bar soap
 Shampoo
 Conditioner
 Deodorant
 Shaving cream
 Razors
 Feminine products
 Adult diapers (women's)
 Toilet paper
 Laundry soap
 Dishwashing soap

Art Display by Immigrant and Refugee Students

In March, our atrium art space will exhibit “Hearts for Justice,” an art installation featuring drawings and writing by students in Ina Ziegler’s academic English classes at Roosevelt High School. The installation is a joint project of the Arts Committee and the Racial Justice Task Force. Through reading students’ words and viewing visual representations of what matters most in students’ hearts, congregation members will be invited to draw closer to immigrant and refugee youth in our community, learn more about their experiences, and reflect on the ways that our faith calls us to take a stand for justice and equity in the world.

Organ Update

After a few weeks when the new organ was clearly visible, the organ screen has been rebuilt. But we are happy to point out that the new screen material is open enough that you can see some pipes through it, evidence that our new pipe organ is indeed in there!

Beginning on March 1, the final step of the process is underway: the organ pipes are now being voiced and tuned. Members of the Dobson staff are painstakingly adjusting each of the 1,730 pipes to make sure it has the volume and tone that will allow it to blend with the others to make a harmonious sound. That process will last until mid-April.

See the “Save the Date” box on page 2 for information about upcoming events!

Treasurer’s Report

Finances for 2018 are off to a good start, with a small surplus. Like last year, the bottom line (income minus expenses) is adjusted to compensate for the timing of transfers from our investments. This year, the adjustment also includes an amount for offerings for 2018 that were prepaid in 2017. Thank you for your generous, faithful giving to God’s work in and through Christ Church!

Christ Church Lutheran Finances

(As of January 31, 2018)	ACTUAL	BUDGET (1 mo.)	DIFFERENCE
<i>Member Giving/Envelopes</i>	48,740.78	48,440.00	300.78
<i>Other Income</i>	\$9,697.60	8258.18	1,439.42
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>58,438.38</u>	<u>56,698.18</u>	<u>1,740.20</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$32,213.39</u>	<u>\$33,341.51</u>	<u>(1,128.12)</u>
<i>Adj:pre-giving & transfers</i>	(25,397.65)		
<i>Total Surplus (or Deficit)</i>	<u>\$827.34</u>		

Christ Church in Mission

Advocacy Opportunity – Faith and Clean Energy Campaign

The EcoFaith Network of the Minneapolis Area Synod (ELCA) is involved in a campaign to increase the amount of clean energy produced in Minnesota.

The following is from a letter to faith leaders and communities:

In our new era of political discord and amid continuing racial and economic disparities, the stakes of the climate crisis and the price of injustice are clear and on prominent display every week. However, regardless of events in Washington, the climate justice movement becomes more effective and gains more momentum every day.

The transition to a clean-energy economy is not some blue-sky future event; it is happening now. Already 21 percent of energy produced in Minnesota comes from renewable sources. But given the stakes, we believe bolder action is necessary. Unless we unite behind a vision of universal access to clean energy, many people in Minnesota will not have access to the affordable renewable energy they need and deserve.

The Synod is asking members of faith communities to support a proposal to boost the state's Renewable Energy Standard to 50 percent by 2030. You can sign a letter of support through the Synod's website:

<http://mpls-synod.org/outreach/ecofaith-network/>

Under "Faith and Clean Energy Campaign," click on "Add your Name to the Sign-On Letter." If you are interested in further advocacy opportunities, please contact Pastor Haaland or a member of the Mission Committee.

– Your Mission Committee



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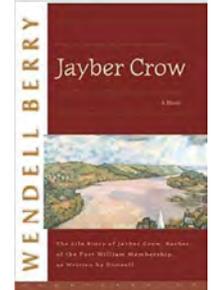
Book Group Discusses a Classic

Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Join others at Christ Church for lively, thoughtful conversation about our Book Group's next selection: *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry.

For almost sixty years Wendell Berry has brought us stories from the fictional town of Port William, Kentucky. *Jayber Crow* is the story of a man's love for his community and his abiding and unrequited love for Mattie Chatham, "a good woman who had too early made one bad mistake". Sent to an orphanage at the age of ten, Jayber grows up knowing of loneliness and want, and learns how to be a watchful observer of human goodness and frailty. With the flood of 1937 he returns to his native Port William to become the town's barber. Slowly, patiently, the observer becomes participant.

"This is a book about Heaven," writes Jayber, "but I must say too that it has been a close call. For I have wondered sometimes if it would not finally turn out to be a book about Hell—where we fail to love one another, where we hate and destroy one another for reasons abundantly provided or for righteousness' sake or for pleasure, where we destroy the things we need the most, where we see no hope and have no faith . . . where we must lose everything to know what we have had."



Bibles for Children

We want to stay true to the promises the congregation makes at each baptism—to help parents and sponsors place the holy scriptures in the hands of their children and help them grow in the Christian faith. If your child has not yet received a Spark! Bible from Christ Church, let Maria Markman know: mmarkman001@luthersem.edu and we will get a Bible to you.

Quiet Space

One of the most important aspects of life together at Christ Church is worship. We want to help our children and our community live into this as fully as possible. The Quiet Space in the Chapel at the back of the sanctuary is for children, accompanied by a parent or guardian. There are quiet reflective activities for children to do there. If you are an adult in the quiet space we ask for your help in welcoming new families to Christ Church and help the children worship together in this new, quiet, and active way! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, contact Maria Markman: mmarkman001@luthersem.edu.

The Little COURIER

*Jesus said, "Let the children come!"
At Christ Church Lutheran, we welcome
children and their families to the font, to
the table, and to worship.*

Children's Ministry at Christ Church Lutheran—March 2018

Lent and Holy Week

We are in the season of Lent, a time in the circle of the church year where we reflect on Christ's birth, life, and ministry, while preparing for Christ's death on the cross. Each week Christ Church offers midweek services on Wednesdays. Evening services include a meal at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. complete with a Sermon on the Steps. Children and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this special time in the life of faith we share together!

The last week in March is Holy Week, a week full of special worshiping opportunities for children and their families. Come on Maundy Thursday, March 29—get your feet washed and experience Christ's love in the Supper. Come on Friday, March 30, at noon or at 7 p.m.—hear the story of Christ's crucifixion and reverence the cross. Come on Saturday, March 31, at 8:30 p.m. for the Easter Vigil—begin around a fire in the courtyard, then come to the Luther Lounge to hear the stories of our faith, then process to the sanctuary for a celebration of Baptism and Christ's Resurrection feast. A candlelight reception follows in the Atrium. Families are welcome and encouraged to join any or all of these special services!

Think about being a volunteer!

As our children are growing and their needs are changing, so too are our needs for volunteers. Seek out in prayer where God may be calling you to serve. If you are interested or if you have questions about serving in Children's Ministry, talk to Maria Markman on Sunday or email her at mmarkman001@luthersem.edu or talk to Pastor Carlson.

March Volunteer Schedule

Date	Godly Play Lesson	Storyteller	Doorkeeper	Spark! Lesson	Mentor 1	Mentor 2
3/4	Faces of Easter IV-V	Jonathan	Yi-ru	Noah's Ark	Mary	Luther
3/11	Faces of Easter VI-VII	Maria	Sarah	Abraham and Sarah	Bob V-V.	Marcus
3/18	Easter Egg Lesson & Hunt	Donna	Robyn	Ten Commandments	Maria	Denise
3/25	No Programming			No Programming		

Winter Warmer Event

Come to the Winter Warmer Event! Children, parents, and guardians alike are invited to come and escape the winter doldrums and join in fellowship on Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Come for coffee, cocoa, treats, fellowship, fun, and games! All are welcome to these events—if you have friends or family who might like to play in the gym during this time, they are invited too!



Happy Baptism Birthday to Del! March 20

Communion Event

Pastor Carlson and Maria Markman will host a communion retreat and acolyte training. We will bake bread together that we will share with the congregation on the following Sunday. Bring your parents or grandparents along so they can learn too! This event is for children in the third and fourth grades. Look for an email with the link to indicate what days work well for you. If you have questions or concerns, email Maria Markman at mmarkman001@luthersem.edu.

Quiet Space Helpers

These volunteers will be in the Quiet Space in the Chapel during worship services on these dates to assist parents and children.

- March 4 – Maria
- March 11 – Yi-ru
- March 18 – Carmen

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Choir	2 Sheridan Story delivery	3 9:30am Children's Ministry Staffing
4 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30am Eucharist • 11:05 Sunday School • 11:15 Adult Forum	5	6 7:00pm Mission, Preservation, Property	7 11:30am Worship • 12n Lunch • 6pm Supper • 7pm Worship	8 Safe House Meal • 5:30pm Executive • 7pm Choir • 7:30pm Project Mgmt	9	10 8:30-11:30am Winter Warmer • 1pm Visitation • 2pm Funeral for Mary Lou Doll
Daylight Savings Time begins 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30am Eucharist • 11:00am Bldg. Tour • 11:05 Sunday School • 11:15 Forum	12	13	14 9:30am Stationery 11:30am Worship • 12n Lunch • 1pm Staff • 6pm Supper • 7pm Worship	15 Courier deadline • 5:30pm Executive & Endowmt with Ted Contag • 7pm Choir	16 Sheridan Story • Shelter Meal	17 9:30am Council Retreat
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30am Eucharist • 11:05am Sunday School • 11:15am Forum • 12:30pm Endowment	19	20 7pm Council	21 11:30am Worship • 12n Lunch • 6pm Supper • 7pm Worship	22 7pm Choir	23	24
25 Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday 9:30am Eucharist	26	27	28 7pm Choir	29 Maundy Thursday Sheridan Story • 7pm Eucharist	30 Good Friday 12n Worship • 7pm Worship • 8:15pm Decorating	31 8:30pm Easter Vigil followed by reception