

Christ's Ambassador

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preston, Minnesota



April 2019

Love God, Love People, Follow Jesus

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Church Office Hours:

Mon.-Thurs., 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Worship: Sunday morning – 9:00 a.m.

Christ Kid's: Sunday morning – 10:10 a.m.

Worship Assistants in April

Greeters

3 Lent Heath & Melanie Olstad

7 Jeff & Janet Woellert

10 Lent Todd & Darla Ebner

14 Chuck & Vonnie Aug

18 Maundy Thurs. LaVerne & Denise Paulson

19 Good Fri. Rick & Sue Grooters

21 Easter 7 Randy & Mary Butikofer

Easter 9 Mike & Margaret Johnson and family

28 Mary Zimmerman and Hoogie Hanson

Lectors

3 Lent Dave Hokenson

7 Darrel Olson

10 Lent Jon Haugan

14 Craig Britton

18 Maundy Thurs. LaVerne Paulson

19 Good Fri.

21 Easter 7 Rebecca Schwingle

Easter 9 Mike Johnson

28 Josh Krage

Acolytes

3 Lent Lauren Mensink/Siri Corson

7 Marissa Topness/Katie Pickett

10 Lent Zach Krage/Coltan Dempewolf

14 Gunner Benson/Blaine Niemeyer

18 Maundy Thurs. Bodey Wright/Luke Hellickson

19 Good Fri.

21 Easter 7 Jenna Tieskotter/Boston Wright

Easter 9 Garret Gossman/Bryce Corson

28 Abigail Parker/William Parker

Communion Assistants

April 14: Susan Hager/Carol Solberg/Steve Corson

April 18: Steve Corson/Kristin Bunge/Susan Hager

April 21- 7am: Mary Specht/Jon Haugan/Deb Ebner **9am:** Kari Mensink/Kim Ristau/Steve Corson

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson/Joyce Hellickson

Sunday Ushers – Kurt & Brenda Reicks/Ron Laughlin & Sandy Amundson

Money Counters

7 Darrel & Bev Olson

21 Harrison's

14 Sandy Amundson/Carol Solberg

28 Dawn Hellickson/Barb Mielke

April Service Group

Chairpersons: Hellickson, Scott & Andrea.....507-273-6855

Winkels, Jonathon & Lori.....507-273-9799

Arndt, Dustin & Tonya 3355

Christensen, Val..... 4477

Corson, Carlisle & Traci; Logan, KJ.....507-273-6903

Corson, Eric & Tara 507-459-1953

Grabau, Brett & Jade.....2192

Hokenson, Dave & Cynthia 3683

Holtegaard, Derek & Sarah507-273-2737

Krage, Josh & Cheryl; Madison.....507-696-3799

Kramer, Judy 3374

Milne, David & Mary..... 507-886-4017

Milne, Rich & Jan 2172

Randall, Lew & Jo.....507-358-5874

Reicks, Kurt & Brenda507-273-5479

Specht, Jerry & Mary 4539

Sprenger, Scott & Tami507-259-2948

Woellert, Mike.....4717

Scheduled Events: First Communion Reception, April 14

Confirmation Reception, April 28

14 dozen cookies + one block of cheese (sliced) and crackers for each Sunday



APRIL

- 4/1 Brandon Hoff, Janet Brevig
- 4/2 Kim Bremseth, Cami Jones, Kennedy Ristau, Neyland Harstad
- 4/4 **Brett & Kari Broadwater – Anniv.**
- 4/5 Lynn Glaser, Karen Quanrud, Ella Ristau
- 4/7 Cheryl Krage, Jayme Ostern
- 4/8 Jack Marzolf
- 4/9 Lillian Dempewolf, Garrett Gossman
- 4/10 Camilla Specht
- 4/11 David Milne
- 4/12 Matt Quanrud
- 4/14 Maggie Dempewolf, Coltan Dempewolf, Shelby Ebner, Tony Severson
- 4/15 Cullen Krage
- 4/16 Dale Grabau
- 4/17 Christian Harrison, Dawson Schmidt, Chris Schreier; **Jason & Rebecca Schwingle – Anniv.**
- 4/18 Chris Hahn, Sheryl Schultz, Mathew Bakken
- 4/19 Jerry Specht
- 4/20 Chuck Aug
- 4/21 Jim Baker
- 4/22 Betty Riehl; **Stacey & Mari Lyn Bakke – Anniv., Kevin & Joyce Every – Anniv.**
- 4/23 Myleigh Scheevel, Levi Johnson
- 4/24 Emily Scheevel; **Kyle & Cathy Runtsch – Anniv.**
- 4/25 Tyson Sprenger
- 4/26 Cori Larson, Jerry Schultz; **Jerry & Mary Specht – Anniv.**
- 4/27 Cody Ristau, Joe Specht, Chad Persons
- 4/28 Paula Severson, Jillian Tieskotter, Kylee Schumpert, Cooper Holtegaard
- 4/29 Angie Powell, Ajay Ristau, Ron Schreier
- 4/30 **Erlyn & Sandy Marzolf – Anniv.**

Ministerial Acts in March

Baptisms

- March 17 **Evelyn Mae Mensink**, daughter of Mike and Rachel Mensink
- March 24 **Luke Leo Marzolf**, son of John and Teresa Marzolf

Dear Partners in Mission,

I am writing this letter to you in the middle of Lent. Lent is a season in the church year that lasts for roughly 40 days and leads us to Easter. Throughout the history of the church, Lent has been a time of instruction, fasting, meditation, repentance and sacrificial giving; all of which are done not to prove we are worthy of God’s love, but as a way of helping us draw closer to the one who made us and loves us more than any other. Lent is a time of seeking God first and laying aside the things that get in the way of our relationship with Him.

On Ash Wednesday, I talked about how much fun it was to find a bunch of shark teeth during our family’s trip to Florida. However, we would not have found those shark teeth if we did not search for them. Likewise, even though Scripture tells us that God is not far from any one of us, we will not find God if we do not seek after Him. That is why I encouraged all of us to seek God during these 40 days of Lent through things like prayer, Bible study and acts of love.

The focus of this year’s Lenten services has been growing closer to God through prayer. I have laid out a number of different prayer models to help us deepen our prayer life. We learned about Lectio Divina, Listening prayers, Christian Meditation and the P.R.A.Y. method of prayer. I want to finish this letter with a reminder of the PRAY method of prayer and encourage you to try it out this week. P.R.A.Y. stands for Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield and is based on the Psalms.

Praise Too often, our prayers are simply a long list of things we ask God to give us do for us, but an essential part of prayer is praising and thanking God. We are to enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise (Psalm 100:4). Sit quietly and thank God for who He is and what He has done.

Repent Repentance is a key part of our Christian walk. Psalm 66:18 says, “If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Sin and disobedience separate us from God and hurt our prayer life, but as we repent of sin, God forgives us- and tears down the barrier that sin places between us- allowing for greater intimacy in our prayers.

Ask Now that you have thanked and praised God and repented of sin and mistrust, take time to ask God to fulfill your needs and the needs of others. Even though God already knows our needs, He wants us to come to him and ask for his help and guidance. Lift up everything and everyone that is on your heart. Whatever it is you face, take it to the Lord in prayer. “Lord, you know all my desires and deepest longings” (Psalm 38:9).

Yield Finally, when you are nearing the end of your prayer, yield and listen to what God has to say. “I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope” (Psalm 130:5). Be still and know that He is God. Join Jesus who yielded to his Heavenly Father as he prayed, “not my will but your will be done”

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Dawn Hellickson opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Randy gave devotions from Billy Graham's Final Column – 'How would you like to be Remembered.' – Billy Graham had said, 'As faithful.'

Present were: Randy Butikofer, Susan Hager, Dawn Hellickson, Susan Kiehne, Joel Mielke, Pastor Dan and Karen Quanrud. Absent was: Kristin Bunge.

Reports were reviewed:

Treasurer's report –

The Council reviewed the Total Monthly Cash Flow Chart for January and February 2019 and also the comparison to 2018 January and February.

	February	January – February Last Year	Change
Income	\$11,700	\$24,900	\$47,800
Expenses	\$18,000	\$43,700	\$44,500 1.8%
Net Income	-\$ 6,300	-\$18,800	+\$ 3,300

January/February offerings are typically lower than the annual monthly average, so we have a budget shortfall for these months. Also note that the 2018 January/February income was higher than 2019 due to memorials (\$5,680), FRB (Food Resource Bank) donations (\$1,749) church maintenance receipts (\$1,060) and a transfer of lutefisk funds to the general fund (\$12,000).

Secretary's Report: The February 2019 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Team Highlights:

Property (Joel Mielke)

Christ Lutheran Church Property Meeting Minutes- March 6, 2019

Present: Danny Grabau, Rick Grooters, Dean Schumacher, Joel Mielke, Pastor Dan Bredberg

- Heating system has developed an on-going hammer problem. Bleeding air from the system stops the hammer, but only temporarily. Property Team may need to enlist additional professional help to solve this.

- Time was spent in the sanctuary reviewing options to address the dim projector screen. Property Team will work with the Worship/Music Team, Pastor Dan and the congregation at large to find a solution.

Youth – (Karen Quanrud)

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – The Youth Team Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

God is my strength and power; And he maketh my way perfect. 2 Samuel 22:33

Those in attendance: Dustin Arndt, Lori Britton, Nancy Harrison, Josh Krage and Karen Quanrud

On Wednesday, February 13th the Confirmation Students had six people from the area that came in to talk to them about their careers. They included Jody Daniels, Ramon Hernandez, Dustin Arndt, Lori Britton, Sarah Kling-Punt and Traci Corson. A comment was made that 'this was the best large group session we've had in quite some time. The kids were engaged and the panel was very engaging.' Josh MC'd the event and he had fun doing this too. The Confirmation Students seemed to enjoy hearing about the careers of these individuals, so this is something that may be done again next year.

February is Youth Month. Many of the Youth have participated in the services by lecturing, greeting, ushering, serving coffee, and making and serving the cinnamon rolls on February 10th. During February the students serviced coffee and received the donations for this from these Sundays. The total that we received from this was a total of \$55.00 for February 3rd and 17th together and \$140.06 on February 10th, so this totaled \$195.06. Sunday, February 24th was to be the Youth Service, but due to the weather, church was cancelled. The Youth Service was moved to Sunday, March 3, 2019 and Karen Trende said that the students would be able to receive the coffee donations that Sunday too.

When asked if everything was ready for the Youth Service on March 3rd for the students that were participating, Karen was told that it was.

The Gigantic Rummage Sale is set for Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – noon. Advertising posters have been handed out and posted in surrounding towns, businesses, day cares and schools. Students and parents are being asked to help set up for the sale on Friday, March 15, 2019 and then also they will need to help the day of the sale as well as boxing up items at the end. We need to get the word out there to get donations for the sale and also for buyers. Items that don't sell and can be given to Open Hands will be boxed for that. Other items will be put in the donation reciprocal in the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot since the church gets cents per pound from this.

Nancy Harrison has sent out emails to the 10th – 12th graders and their parents about furnishing the chili, toppings, bars, and milk for the Ash Wednesday Service, which is on March 6, 2019. Thank you Nancy for taking care of this Youth Event.

Easter Sunday is Sunday, April 21, 2019. There will be an Easter Breakfast again this year and Nathan Grabau has agreed to make the egg bake dishes for this. We will look into using a Thrivent gift card to purchase the ingredients for the egg bakes. The students will be asked to work at the breakfast, bring muffins and juice just like they did last year.

The Youth Works trip is being planned for the week of July 28 – August 2, 2019. Students were being asked if they were interested in going on this trip and it looks like there is interest in doing this. Once parents of the students are asked about their child going and we have a better idea of the number that will go, then a location will be chosen. The money raised at the Rummage Sale fundraiser will be used to fund this trip.

Other fundraisers were discussed. We will be serving cinnamon rolls again in the upcoming month. We are also looking at serving a meal in September.

The Triennial Youth Trip will be in 2021 in the Twin Cities and the dates are June 29th – July 3rd.

For other business the Youth Team reviewed the 'Youth Team – Team Responsibilities' as written in the Christ Lutheran Church Constitution. The Youth Team approved the description that was in the constitution and Karen will take this information back to the Church Council. community needs. Examples illustrating our commitment are providing lay

Old Business –

- Discussions on having a Finance Team are on hold as of right now, but will be addressed later this year.
- The Council Retreat will be held on 3/23/2019 at Christ Lutheran Church, 9:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Discussion will be held on our hopes for the coming year and it will be a visioning time for where we see Christ Lutheran Church going. We will also be talking about missions.
- Having youth, grades 10 -12, on the Council and participating in Teams is something that the Council is looking into. Any action on this will be tabled until this summer.
- There is currently a clip board with a “To Do Cleaning List” on it in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Individuals/groups can look here for what needs to be cleaned/done.
- Upcoming Stewardship events/activities are: March 24 – bowling at B&B Bowl; April 27 – Preston Pride Clean Up; May 2019 – date to be determined yet – Christ Lutheran seasonal cleaning; and June 2019 – date to be determined yet – Pizza on the Farm Night.
- The Christ Lutheran Constitution will be worked on, but Karen was told that new changes will be coming from the Synod in August of 2019 so a final version will not take place before then.

New Business –

- Good Earth Village participation. Karen brought up that the Point of Contact for this could be the Council as a recommendation because of the issues that occurred in 2018. The 2019 Council did not want this responsibility. The Council Members discussed who pays for the camperships: the families pay a portion of their child going to camp, then the remainder is divided into thirds with the council paying 2/3 of the cost (1/3 from the Council and 1/3 from Education Team) and then the Youth Team pays the last 1/3. Further discussion will happen after Joel confirms the numbers on what was paid in 2018. As of right now the Point of Contact for Good Earth Village will not change.
- Donations in the clothing dumpster in the back parking-lot were discussed pertaining to having received the payments for the items that were donated (cents per pound are paid to Christ Lutheran Church). Joel will let the Council Members know what account these deposits are being put into as well as checking that we’ve received all the money from this.
- Speakers on Sunday, March 17, 2019 will be from Food Resource Bank, now named Growing Hope Globally.
- On May 12th a representative from Good Earth Village will be speaking to the congregation.
- We are looking at guest speakers for June and July Sundays. Currently Karen has contacted the **AMMPARO** Team, which is the ELCA strategy to **Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities**. The Southeastern MN Synod is a part of a Global Mission and there are Companion Synods also involved. This group works with/through a Border Servant Corp. program. It pertains to migrants entering the U.S. legally today. A group went to El Paso, Texas this January. Two of the people that went were Cheryl Kylo and Kathy Chatelanie. They are our local AMMPARO Team Contacts. Pastor is working with this group for the Sunday’s that we are looking for mission speakers.

- Did you know...

1. Christ Lutheran Church has sponsored four children from Kenya. The 4th, and current child we’re sponsoring, is Tabitha. We sponsor a child up until the time that they are adopted.
2. A ‘to do cleaning list’ has been implemented.

Pastor’s report

- The Council is doing a Bible Application devotion together. Pastor Dan wondered how it was going for the Council Members and if it was working for all of us.
- Pastoral Acts: There will be a baptism on March 17th, visits were made to Park Lane/Traditions/Gunderson Lutheran (these are done on a every other month basis); April will have Confirmation/Easter and 1st Communion in it; and working on Mission Sunday’s.
- Another topic was brought up about having on-line conversations with our sister congregation from San Pedro.
- The Christ Care Team is looking for more members
- The Saturday night Prayer Service that was to be held on February 23, 2019 was cancelled due to the snowstorm. It will not be rescheduled until after Lent/Easter.
- A donation was made to have a handicap door installed in the lower level entryway by the elevator. At one time earlier, this was looked into cost-wise. The Property Team will look into this again.

All the reports were approved by consensus.

Susan Hager and Susan Kiehne made the motion and seconded adjourning the meeting.

The Lord’s Prayer was said.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Quanrud
Secretary

April Congregational Event

-PRESTON PRIDE CLEANUP DAY-

April 27, 2019



Take pride in where you live and help clean up the town! Pick up trash, clean up the green spaces and make Preston beautiful! All organization, businesses, people and ages are welcome. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Breakfast with the Bishop

Men of all ages are invited to attend the 16th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop, which will be held on Saturday April 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Cabela's in Owatonna. The cost is \$10 per person. The keynote speaker will be Gary Sloan, teacher and head football coach at Grand Meadow Highschool. Sign up and pay in the church office by Monday, April 8th.



Every night in every home



SHARE

highs and lows



READ

a Bible verse or story



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows



PRAY

for one another's highs and lows



BLESS

one another

1	Matthew 26:36-46
2	John 13:1-17
3	Mark 10:34
4	Isaiah 55:8-11
5	Mark 16:1-8
6	Acts 10:34-43
7	1 Corinthians 15:12-17
8	John 11:25-26
9	1 Peter 1:3-4
10	2 Corinthians 5:17
11	Ephesians 4:22-24
12	John 20:19-31
13	Romans 6:4
14	Lamentations 3:23
15	John 5:24
16	Revelation 21:5
17	Ezekiel 11:19
18	Isaiah 43:19
19	Luke 24:36-48
20	Colossians 3:9-10
21	John 6:40
22	John 3:16
23	Colossians 2:12
24	Isaiah 60:1
25	John 6:39
26	1 John 3:16-19
27	Acts 4:8-12
28	Psalms 23:1-6
29	Ephesians 2:4-5
30	John 11:17-27

ROOT RIVER CONFERENCE WELCA
2019 SPRING GATHERING

“Celebrating Our Heritage – Both Family and Spiritual”

Saturday, April 13
at St. Paul’s Church in Lewiston, MN

8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Program
12:30 p.m. Lunch

Cost is \$10. Guest Speaker: Janet Martin, co-author of
“Growing Up Lutheran”

~CONFIRMATION SUNDAY~

APRIL 28, 2019

There will be a reception after worship in honor
of the Confirmation students.

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving
with Simply Giving**

Christ Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. It offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO
THE FOODSHELF IN THE MONTH OF MARCH!**

We will post amount totals next month.



Lent 2019

Lent is a time of reflection, fasting, and instruction as we prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **As we meet each Wednesday evening during Lent** we will have ‘blended’ worship services which will include songs, prayers, Scripture, faith stories and a time of interactive prayer and meditation in our services.

Our schedule for each evening from March 6 – April 10 will be a soup supper from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. followed by worship service from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us for these special services.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sunday April 14** 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms
- Thursday April 18** 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
- Friday April 19** 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)
- Sunday April 21** 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Festival Worship with Holy Communion

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

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First Communion Retreat for 5th grade students and parents will be taking place on Saturday, April 13th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the church and the First Communion Celebration taking place Sunday, April 14th at 9:00 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Christ Crafter's

Christ Lutheran has a group called Christ's Crafters that meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this group is to have fun and socialize while making items to sell at the Christmas Shoppe during the Norwegian buffet as well as working on a couple of service projects. This year this group is making small stuffed animals for the children hospitalized at Mayo, knit and crocheted chemo caps for Mayo, and fabric facial tissue holders for the Veterans Cemetery. Anyone is welcome to come to this group!

Christ's Crafters donates everything they make so monetary donations are also welcome for supplies. Checks can be made out to Christ's Crafters and left in the office.

Right now Christ's Crafters is also looking for holiday items to repurpose for several projects. If you have any of the items listed you are willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Right now we need:

- Tin Christmas cookie cutters
- Rusty stars, snowflakes, and jingle bells - - any size
- Christmas silk or artificial garlands, strands or stems
- Artificial berry garlands and stems
- Birch branches and small diameter birch logs
- Old enamel and tin coffee pots, small pails, pots, coal shuttles, any condition
- Grapevine
- Norwegian Christmas ornaments, crafts or art
- Wood boxes for arrangements

If you have any items to donate, leave them in the quilting room
Contact Mary Zimmerman (507-251-6807) or Linda Grabau (765-2564) if you have any questions.



Did You Know...?

Did you know that Christ Lutheran is a "Baby booster" with MPM Infant Rescue Center in Kenya? Baby boosters are people or organizations that sponsor a child. Our sponsorship helps pay for a child's medical care, food, housing and support. We sponsor a child until they are adopted into a forever family, and then we are given a new child to sponsor. We are currently sponsoring Tabitha Anne who was born November 23rd, 2017. Please pray for her health concerns to be healed and for a Kenyan family to be willing to welcome here as their daughter. You will find her picture and regular newsletter updates posted on the bulletin board. Partnerships with churches and individuals is vital to the success of MPM Infant Rescue Center. MPM thanks you for your prayers and support!