

Christ's Ambassador

*CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preston, Minnesota*



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Love God, Love People, Follow Jesus

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Council President: Brad Leathers

Dear Partners in Mission,

He is risen! He is risen indeed! These words bring hope to even the worst circumstances. Perhaps, after hearing these words for so many years, some of us have overlooked just how important they are. It cannot be overstated how vital these words are to our faith and our lives. Just when it seemed like all hope was lost, that evil had defeated good, that hatred had overcome love, and darkness had overpowered light, a ray of hope started shining out of an empty tomb. Could it really be true? Could Jesus have defeated death itself? Could hope come even from the darkness and despair of the grave? Yes! It is true. It was just as Jesus said... he would suffer, be rejected and killed, and on the third day rise again! He is risen, He is risen indeed!

Given all that we have gone through in the last year, we really need to hear those life-changing words. Many people have commented that the last year felt like one long season of Lent. It has been a year filled with sadness, struggle and hardship; a year that has left so many of us waiting for some sign of hope. We faced the darkness of a deadly pandemic that all but shut down the world. We lived in fear, watching the disease spread from country to country, state to state, city to city, until it was in our own communities, schools and families. We wondered how we could keep ourselves and our loved ones safe from something we could not see or fully understand. We faced the pain of loneliness and isolation as we were told to 'shelter in place,' avoid large gatherings and cancel holiday get-togethers with family and friends. We saw empty roadways, empty malls, empty schools, empty church buildings and empty playgrounds. It felt unreal—like we were all starring in some post-apocalyptic movie.

But then we turned a corner and started to see some signs of hope. Vaccines were developed, treatments improved, case number went down, places slowly started to reopen and people cautiously began gathering together again. All these were signs of Easter breaking into our darkness. Easter doesn't magically make everything better. It doesn't put an end to every fear and every form of suffering that fills our world, but it does give us hope. And Easter offers us a promise that everything sad will come to an end, that good will defeat evil, that love will overcome hatred, that light will overpower darkness. Just as the sunrise breaks through the night and fills the world with rays of hope, so too Easter breaks through our sadness and despair shining love and hope into our hearts.

Beloved, we have faced some terrible things this past year, but if we have hope, we can make it through anything. And make no mistake, we have hope! We have the sure and certain hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ. We have hope knowing that just as Jesus rose from the grave, we too will rise. We have hope knowing the pain and suffering of this world are temporary-- that the long season of Lent, our time in the wilderness, waiting and hoping, will come to an end and lead us to the joy of an eternal Easter. So, hold on. Don't give up. Don't give in to despair or hopelessness. Hear the good news. Jesus is alive. He is risen, He is risen indeed! Halleluiah for the hope of Easter!

In Christ,

Pastor Dan



APRIL

- 4/1 Janet Brevig
 4/2 Kim Bremseth, Cami Jones, Kennedy Rjstau, Neyland Harstad
 4/4 **Brett & Kari Broadwater – Anniv.**
 4/5 Lynn Glaser, Karen Quanrud, Ella Rjstau
 4/8 Jack Marzolf
 4/7 Raegan Reicks
 4/9 Lilianna 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
 4/16 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, Aiden Peterson, Stella Speer
 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, Adam Hanning; **Kyle & Cathy Runtsch – Anniv.**
 4/25 Tyson Sprenger
 4/26 Cori Larson, Jerry Schultz; **Jerry & Mary Specht – Anniv.**
 4/27 Cody Rjstau, Joe Specht, Chad Persons
 4/28 Paula Severson, Jillian Tieskotter, Kylee Shumpert, Cooper Holtegaard
 4/29 Ajay Rjstau, Ron Schreier
 4/30 **Eriyn & Sandy Marzolf – Anniv.**

Christ Lutheran Church Council Agenda/Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/11/2021

Meeting time: 6:30-7:45 (Zoom and in person); Heritage Room

Present for meeting: Brad Leathers, Susan Hager, Dave Harrison, Steve Corson, Pastor Dan

Absent: Rebecca Schwingle, Susan Kiehne, Mike Erdman

Devotion Reflection- Susan Hager (also send a thank you out this month)

New business:

- Easter Services – 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 80 Pre Sign-Up, 20 Walk Ups, Plan on Communion, Turning people away when capacity of 100 is met
- Printer Lease – Lease is up September 21, 2021. What is our current usage? Averages? New plan results in savings of \$288.00 but greatly reduces number of color prints that we would use. Will be print bulletin again once COVID is over?

Old business:

- New Member Sunday TBD
- Church was left unlocked once is the prior month and that was a result of an altar guild member forgetting to lock per Dan Grabau.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports will be e-mailed for review and approved by consensus during monthly meeting.

Secretary's Report: Minutes will be e-mailed for review and approved by consensus during monthly meeting.

Team meeting highlights

Evangelism & Stewardship (Susan Hager) • No meetings held;

Property (Bradley Leathers) • Meeting Held 3-3-2021; Fans were fixed, requesting quote from Bob the Bug Man for Asian beetle infestation, drainage issues around Elevator are working. Will need to repair portions of the yard damaged by snowplows and winter weather. Carpeting will need to be replaced in main sanctuary in next 3-5 years.

Worship and Music (Susan Kiehne and Steve Corson) • No meetings held – Plan for Easter is to have 3 services, 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 10:30 AM

Youth (Dave Harrison) • No meetings held – Canceled Youth Sunday. Moving things back for Youth Sunday to April or May. Hoping that there is a youth trip possibility later this year.

Education (Rebecca Schwingle) • No meetings held – Sent online activities, Resurrection Eggs, Dice, Empty Tomb, 30 Activity Bags were also created for Kids that could be picked up at church.

Pastor's Report Pastor Dan's Council Report for March 2021

Pastoral Acts: Baptism for Streat Speer February 27th

Funeral for Leona Woellert February 28th

First Communion for 5th Graders March 7th

We continue to go through our Lenten study "What will it take to end hunger." I have not had many people join in on Zoom conversations, but the ones who have joined have found them meaningful. At this point, we are still planning in-person worship on Sundays, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Discuss Easter Sunday options. In person with 3 Services? Advanced Sign-Up? Backup plan if we run out of space? Timing for services, 7:30 AM, 9 AM, and 10:30 AM? Christ Kids (Sunday School) families were given materials online to use for making resurrection gardens and Holy Week themed plastic Easter Eggs called resurrection eggs. The Johnson family also created take home Easter activity bags that can be picked up at church.

Follow up with council connection plan – Reaching out and calling members.

Kitchen issues to consider. Fire alarm problems, unplug fridge due to lack of

Approval of reports (by consensus) – Motion to Approve by Susan Hager, Dave Harrison seconded the motion, motion carried.

Next Council meeting scheduled: Wednesday April 14th, 2021 at 7:15 pm

Pastoral Acts in March

Funeral

March 27 *Charlotte (Char) A. Keene* (1942-2021)

E A S T E R P L A N T S

Purchased by...

Randy & Bonnie Hahn – in honor of Chris and family and Rich & Desi and family and in memory of Matt Hahn

Blaise & Susan Hager and Chris Olson family –(2) in memory of Clifford and Mae Peterson and Janice Peterson

Kurt & Brenda Reicks –(3) in memory of Brenda's mom, Janice Vreeman, in memory of Kurt's parents, Robert & Grace Reicks and in honor of their children and granddaughters, Graceyn and Raegan

Keene family – in memory of Char Keene

Jim Keune & Mary Glaser – (2) in honor of their family and in memory of loved ones

Carol Gosi – in memory of Joe Gosi

Rick & Sue Grooters –(2) in memory of their parents and in honor of all healthcare workers

Mary Zimmerman & Bob Hanson – in honor of all essential workers

Todd & Darla Ebner – in memory of Chuck & Clarice Ebner and Norman Milne

Keith & Diane Johnson – (2) in memory of Loyal & Leona Woellert and in memory of Leonard & Gladys Johnson

Jodi Eickhoff & family – in memory of Kenneth & Ardith Ristau

Matt & Karen Quanrud – in honor of their children, Matthew & Jacy Quanrud and Jordan & Jennifer DeSilvey and in memory of their parents, Jerome & Helen Hansen and Everett & Geraldine Quanrud

Brad & Alison Leathers – (2) in honor of Marilyn Bunge and in memory of Dona & Thor Thorsen, Waldo Bunge, Ardis & Ramsey Leathers, and JB & Mary Ethel Snider

Carl & Arlene Bakalyar – in memory of Jessa Kay Slostad

Gary & Joyce Hellickson – in memory of Gerald Hellickson and Florence Henkels

Elaine Hellickson and family – in memory of Gerald Hellickson



Holy Week and Easter Sunday 2021

We will have in-person worship services on Maundy Thursday (April 1st) and Good Friday (April 2nd) at 7:00pm. On Easter Sunday (April 4th) we plan to have three in-person worship services at 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am. The first two services will be traditional with organ. The 10:30am service will be contemporary with our worship band.

Holy Communion will be offered at all Easter Services and on Maundy Thursday. All of these services will also be live-streamed on Christ Lutheran's facebook page for those who choose to worship from home.

Due to social distancing guidelines, we need to limit our in-person worship attendance to 100. We are asking for your help in tracking attendance for these services. Please sign up in advance to let us know which service you plan to attend. You can sign up through phone (765-2161), email (office@christlutheranpreston.org) or use the sign-up sheets located in the church office and narthex. If we reach 100 signups for a service, we will then ask that you come at a different time, or you will have the option of using overflow seating in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for working with us to make our Easter celebration as safe and enjoyable as possible.

p.s. donated flowers can be picked up at time after 11:30am on Easter Sunday



Every night in every home



- 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 Psalm 23:1-6
29 Ephesians 2:4-5
30 John 11:17-27



- Donna Conlan
Merrily Dale
Hannah Grabau
Arlene Staupe
Muriel Hanson
Rosalie Krips
Val Christensen
Barb Barrett
Jennifer Leathers, mother of Bradley Leathers
Bo Bakke, nephew of Brett & Jade Grabau
Bridget Case, cousin of Susan Kiehne
Ginny Kulsrud, sister of Jeanette Serfling
Steve Kling, father of Sara Kling-Punt
Richard and Florence Johnson
Walt and Mary Lou Hansen
Arlen & Dorothy Kiehne, who are at the Chatfield Care Center
Marga Moen, who is at Chatfield Care Center
Don Berkland, who is at Harmony Care Center
Adie Milne, who is at The Harmony Place
Jim and Violet Hahn, who are at The Harmony Place
Eugene Major, who is at The Harmony Place
Helen Haugen, who is at Park Lane Estates
Marilyn Bunge, who is at Park Lane Estates
Aaron Klompenhower, who is at Park Lane Estates
Eloise Hoff, who is at Traditions
Jeanette Schmidt, who is at Traditions
Averlene Marzolf, who is at Traditions
Irene Aarre, who is at Traditions
Shirley Jertson, who is at Spring Valley Care Center
Helen Haugerud, who is at The Waters on Mayowood

CLC Financial Summary- February 2021

	<u>Feb-21</u>	-
Budget	\$19,686	
Offerings	\$20,632	
Budget Expenses	<u>\$22,054</u>	-
Net Income	-\$436	-



We want to remind people of different giving options that are available for those who wish to keep supporting the mission and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church.

1. You can safely and securely give online through our website at <http://christlutheranpreston.org/giving/>
2. You can make a text donation. Simply send a text message to [\(507\) 556 4235](tel:5075564235) with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
3. And of course, you can still mail your offering to the church office...PO Box 526, Preston

Thank you for your continued giving as we increase our efforts to reach out to our community and world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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April Service Group

Chairpersons: Hellickson, Scott & Andrea.....507-273-6855
 Glaser, Mary & Jim Keune.....507-352-7565

- Copeman, Jon & Jessica.....
- Corson, Carlisle & Traci; KJ, Bryce.....507-273-6903
- Corson, Eric & Tara.....507-459-1953
- Grabau, Brett & Jade.....507-273-2562
- Hokenson, Dave & Cynthia.....507-993-9112
- Holtegaard, Derek & Sarah.....507-273-2737
- Kramer, Judy.....3374
- Milne, David & Mary.....507-886-4017
- Milne, Rich & Jan.....2172
- Odenbrett, Kari Lee.....507-951-3563
- Randall, Lew & Jo.....507-358-5874
- Reicks, Kurt & Brenda.....507-273-5479
- Specht, Jerry & Mary.....507-259-0433
- Sprenger, Scott & Tami.....507-259-2948
- Winkels, Jonathon & Lori.....507-273-9799
- Woellert, Mike.....

Worship Assistants in April

Acolytes

- 4 7:30**
- 9:00** Joey Ristau
- 10:30**
- 11** Luke Hellickson
- 18** Katie Pickett
- 25** Claytin Wingert

Computer Tech

- 4 7:30**
- 9:00** Maddie Topness
- 10:30** Annika Nelson
- 11** Kyla Hellickson
- 18** Kylee Shumpert
- 25** Mady Wingert

Money Counters

- 4** Kristin Bunge/Jo Randall
- 11** Steve Corson/Brad Leathers
- 18** Sandy Amundson/Carol Solberg
- 25** Rebecca Schwingle/Susan Hager

