

Christ's Ambassador

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Preston, Minnesota



2024

Love God, Love People, Follow Jesus

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Holy Week – Invite, Reflect, And Celebrate Our New Life in Christ

Holy Week is observed from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, and you likely noticed there is a lot of church during Holy Week. Why do we need this much church? It is an intense week, filled with triumph, betrayal, despair, and joy. As Christians, living into our faith means following along on each part of Jesus' journey – and forming faith step by step.

As Holy Week approaches, prepare by gathering Wednesdays through March 20 for soup supper (6 pm) and worship (7 pm). If 7 pm worship is too late, you are welcome to come for the meal and fellowship only. For worship, we are using the Holden Evening Prayer service, filled with beautiful music and prayer.

The Meaning of Holy Week and Worship

Palm Sunday March 24 marks the beginning of Holy Week. We rejoice with the crowds as Jesus triumphantly enters the city of Jerusalem, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" In our 9 am service recognize the energy of the crowds gathered around Jesus as he was welcomed to Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday March 28 takes its name from the Latin word for "commandment," and we remember when Jesus told his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you: Love one another." 7 pm worship will include communion and individual absolution, or forgiveness with the oil marking the cross on our forehead just as the ashes did on Ash Wednesday. Worship on March 28 is at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday March 29 commemorates the day when our Lord gave his life to save us from our sins. It is a very humbling service, as we contemplate the cost that Jesus paid for our redemption. This is the one day out of the church year when it is not appropriate to celebrate Holy Communion. On this day the body of our Lord is broken on the cross—not at the table; and on this day no celebrations are appropriate.

There will be two opportunities to worship on Good Friday:

****Holy Week Hike, 3:00 pm (for all ages):*** Join us at the Root River Trailhead parking lot, near the Trailhead Inn, at 3 pm for a Holy Week Hike. On this hike we will use storytelling to wonder about the emotions of Holy Week through a child's eyes, moving from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This walk will be about 1 and ½ miles, on the biking/hiking trail. Come as you are, stroller and/or hiking sticks welcome!

****Tenebrae Worship:*** Our 7:00 pm worship in the Sanctuary will offer readings on the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday, March 31, is the day of the resurrection and we gather for a joyous celebration of God's victory over sin and death. Gather at 9:00 am for the story of our salvation, music, and Holy Communion.

We are Easter people and our journey through Lent doesn't end at the cross or even the empty tomb but continues each day in resurrected life, as we walk with one another toward the future that is both promised and deeply needed. *All services in our sanctuary stream on our Facebook Page, Christ Lutheran Church-Preston.*

BINGO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 16th from 5-8 p.m.
At the Preston Golf Course



What's more fun than shenanigans?

Bingo for St. Patrick's at the PRESTON Golf Club! Come on out and support youth heading to New Orleans for the ELCA Gathering, July 16-20, 2024. Bingo participants must be 18 to play, the games are \$1/card and 13 cards are available. There will be fun & games for the younger kids and a basket raffle. Food and beverages are available from the Preston Golf Club. Christ Lutheran and Greenfield Lutheran Churches are excited to welcome you to this event.

'ENVELOP OUR YOUTH' FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 11 – Sunday, March 31
WANT TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH GATHERING GROUP AND SUMMER CAMPS FOR 6-12? GRAB AN ENVELOPE. IF ALL 100 ENVELOPES ARE FILLED, WE WILL RAISE \$5,050.



- We are fortunate to have 4 youth and 1 adult attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024
- The cost of the Gathering per person is \$1,200. Each youth has paid \$150. The church council has voted to subsidize up to 25% and the youth hope to fundraise the remaining costs, roughly \$4,500. Other summer camps are still to be determined.
- In each envelope, you will find a letter from one of the youth introducing themselves and describing how they will grow through participation in summer ministries. They ask for your prayers and also invite you to share your name and prayer request.

FAQ

- Q What if all the amounts in my price range are taken? May I still donate?
A Yes! We appreciate any donations in any amount! Simply write "other amount" on your envelope and return it with your donation or collect remaining envelopes to add up to your gift
- Q May I grab more than one envelope?
A Yes! Grab increments however you wish! If you grab \$75 for you and \$3 for your 3-year old, your donation would be \$78.
- Q What if I can't come to church during this time frame? How can I give?
A You may send a check to the church office and indicate your donation is for the 'Envelop our Youth' Fundraiser. Thank you.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Reminder to Thrivent Members – Be sure to designate your Choice Dollars, either to Christ Lutheran or to any number of charitable organizations that are listed on the Thrivent website. www.thrivent.com Deadline is March 31st, 2024.

March Service Group

Chairpersons: Baker, Jim & Lisa.....	507-259-7636
Erdman, Mike & Janet.....	612-756-1578
Bennett, Jeff.....	507-251-9689
Brevig, Randy & Janet.....	507-272-9629
Collett, Dick & Carole.....	507-259-7540
Collett, Ellen.....	507-251-3371
Ebner, Jon & Deb.....	507-696-7853
Gossman, Jason.....	507-696-0753
Hoff, Matt & Danette.....	507-459-4285
Johnson, Paul & Judy.....	507-421-6729
Knies, Jeff & Roxie.....	507-273-1997
Milne, Phil & Sandy.....	507-421-1946
Quanrud, Martha.....	507-765-4402
Ristau, Travis & Cara.....	507-421-5867
Scheevel, Aaron & Emily.....	507-951-2938
Soland, Kayla.....	507-272-1582
White, Melanie.....	507-273-9299

Scheduled events: Sunday Morning Cookies – March 3 (8-10 dozen)
First Communion Reception – March 10

Worship Assistants in March

Acolytes

- 3 Jackson Fischer/Cooper Holtegaard
- 6 Lexi Engen
- 10 Taelyn Kerns/Maggie Wingert
- 13 Ryan Schroeder
- 17 Grant Tieskotter/Melony Wingert
- 20 Josie Corson
- 24 Rosemary Pikula/
- 28 Cooper Pickett
- 29 Ava Severson
- 31 Katelyn Scheevel/Joshua Bakken

Computer

- 3 Melony Wingert
- 6 Joshua Bakken
- 10 Reese Larson
- 13 Ava Severson
- 17 Lexi Engen
- 20 Rosemary Pikula
- 24 Lilianna Dempewolf
- 28 Jax Heibel
- 29 Grant Tieskotter
- 31 Cooper Holtegaard

Lectors

- 3 Andy Bunge
- 10 Dawn Hellickson
- 17 Youth
- 24 Gail Bunge
- 31 Mary Glaser

Altar Guild..... Deb Ebner/Judy Johnson/Tona Keene
Ushers..... Jeff Bennett/Andrew Pederson/Jarod Keune/Darrel Olson



The family of Arlene Staupe
 The family of Jeff Trende
 Helen Raaen, who is on Hospice
 Ron Laughlin's sister Pat
 Jon Haugan and family at the loss of his brother Val Christensen
 Barb Barrett
 Rosalie Krips
 Axel Heller
 Bo Bakke
 Bridget Case
 Steve Kling
 Carole Engen
 Richard Johnson
 Don Solberg
 Arlen Kiehne
 Marilyn Bunge, who is in Mabel Care Center
 Walt Hanson, who is at the Minnesota State Veterans Home
 Adie Milne, who is at Harmony Care Center
 Ann Ott, who is at Harmony Care Center
 Betty Riehl, who is at Harmony Care Center
 Arlene Bakalyar, who is at Park Lane Estates
 Helen Haugen, who is at Park Lane Estates
 Jim Fossum, who is at The Fillmore Place
 Alice Cummings, who is at Chatfield Nursing Home
 Lew Randall, who is at Traditions
 Irene Aarre, who is at Traditions
 Averlene Marzolf, who is at Traditions
 Helen Haugerud, who is at Traditions
 Linda Hahn Smith, who is at Traditions
 Evie Christianson, who is at Seasons of Apple Valley
 Jan Milne, who is at Brookdale Senior Living
 DeWayne Vogt, who is at Luther Oaks Skilled Nursing Care

March is Minnesota Food Share Month.

There is an ongoing challenge for individuals and families in our community who are struggling to put food on their tables. During March Minnesota Food Share Month, your contribution will help make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity and provide them with some relief during challenging times. Suggestions include: canned soups, pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, sugar, flour, cereal, canned vegetables and fruit, etc.). Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be left in the church office (please indicate Food Shelf). Non-perishable items can be left in the Grocery Cart and/or Basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21
 Meeting time: 7:30 (In person); Conference Room
 (X) Indicates Present for meeting

Member		Term Complete	Member		Term Complete
Pastor Kris Kincaid	X		Bruce Hoff /President	X	2025
Michael Johnson	X	2024	Melissa Severson/Secretary	X	2026
Andy Bunge		2025	Darrel Olson	X	2024
Jen Pickett/VP	X	2026	Katie Harstad/Treasurer	X	2026

Devotion Reflection - Bruce Hoff

Old Business:

Pastor Kris noted that the date was incorrect for youth Bingo in minutes from 1/10/24 Church Council Meeting. The date should be March 16, not the 17th from 5-8 at the Preston Golf Course.

New business:

- Election of officers:
 - President: Bruce Hoff was nominated. Motion by: Michael Johnson; Second by Jen Pickett
 - Vice President: Jen Pickett Nominated. Motion by: Michael Johnson; Second by Melissa Severson
 - Treasurer: Nomination for Katie Marzolf-Harstad. Motion by: Michael Johnson; Second by Darrell Olson
 - Secretary: Nomination for Melissa Severson; Motion by Jen Pickett; second by Mike Johnson
- Committee Assignments:
 - Evangelism: Jennifer Pickett
 - Stewardship: Andy Bunge
 - Worship & Musi: Katie Marzolf-Harstad.
 - Youth & Education:
 - Education: Michael Johnson
 - Youth: Melissa Severson
 - Property: Darrel Olson.
- Online giving: you can only give to one place. This should be expanded so individuals can choose where their giving goes.
- President and Treasurer have to sign documents at the F&M Bank - Bruce Hoff will contact Katie Marzolf-Harstad about scheduling a day that. They will sign the documents. Motion by Jennifer Pickett; Second by Michael Johnson
- Annual meeting minutes: Date for Council meeting needs to be changed to 2/21 at 7:30. With change Jennifer Pickett motion to approve; Darrell Olson second.
- Handouts (Council Calling Tree, 2024 Church Council Members/Term Ends, Church Council Contact Information, Devotion Schedule)
 - Calling tree: Council discussed that this is no longer needed. Pastor Kris and Amanda will contact Bruce Hoff and he will contact the council.
 - Terms will end the year after the year that is listed.
 - Devotion schedule: has been posted. Contact council members if changes are needed.
- Hearing Devices that pair with sound system: they do not work --> Bruce
- today from Sara Neimeyer from SimSound. Has websites to review, cost unknown at this time.
 - Will table for next month.
 - It will be reviewed by Tech and Property Committees.

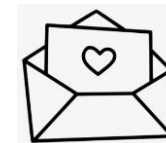
- First Communion Sunday, March 10 - adds a communion to the schedule.
- Pastor Kris would like to add communion on Maundy Thursday 3/28/24 along with Easter Sunday.
- Communion Orientation for the Council: will schedule with Carol Solberg
 - Question when Church Council took over the sole responsibility.
 - There are other members in the church that would like to continue to assist with communion.
 - The plan is to invite Carol to the next meeting to discuss communion and the plan for coverage moving forward.
 - Consider the 3rd year confirmands assisting with communion.
- New member Sunday, March 17
 - Pastor Kris reports that she won't be ready at that time. Questions if there is a Sunday that would work in April.
 - New member and inter-generational could be mixed – consider April 14 or the 21.
 - Pastor Kris will inform the council.
 - The Education Committee will discuss which Sunday would work to partner with the Sunday School.
 - There are 3 families that would like to join at this time.
- Cost Youth Gathering: Approve 25% of total cost previously. Pay \$2000 now toward the total cost. This was approved at a previous Council meeting.
- Request from Fillmore Central Post Prom Party. Will donate \$100, as they have in past years. Motion by: Michael Johnson; Second by Darrell Olson
- Easter Worship Service: Plan is for one service at 9 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service: plan is to have service both nights.
- Tech issues: Sara Neimeyer reported that the live stream is having some glitching.
 - SimSound is going.
 - More help is needed for running live stream due to the limited number of individuals that know how to run the system.
 - Question if the "To-Do List" needs to be updated.
 - Consider if there are other individuals that could learn and help with this.
- Tech Position: Is this still needed? Discuss at a future meeting.
- Quarterly giving statements: start in 2024.
 - This is a general status of where the church is at.
 - Consider also sending an individual giving statement halfway into the year.
 - Recurring gifts are the highest percentage of givers.
- Council Meeting Dates: next meeting: Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.
- Youth Checking Account: will be closed. Susan Pikula will complete this week. \$15,000 will be moved to the general fund, but will continue to have the youth line item, it will just not have a checking account.
- Bolts of railing in front of church: Property committee will evaluate and update the Council.
- Contact for the PT janitor: question of his role and what he should and should not be doing.
- Bruce Hoff will meet with Robert Bellingham and report to the council.
- Thank You's were reviewed:
 - Received from Tami Christensen, Maharishi pa Maisha, Lutheran Campus Center, Open Hands Midway.
 - These will be posted on the bulletin board for the congregation to view.
- Memorial Check was given in the memory of Donald Berkland for \$895.00.
- Education team thanks Susan Pikula for the whiteboards.
Closed with a prayer.

Motion to adjourn Jen Pickett and 2nd by Michael Johnson.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS



3/1 Vonnie Aug, Samuel Olstad
 3/2 Tami Christianson
 3/3 Irene Aarre
 3/5 Adie Milne
 3/6 Jonie Keune, Allan Marzolf, Jett Henry
 3/7 Cora Britton, Hadie Williams, Eve Grabau, Maisie Olson
 3/8 Lillian Powell, Luann Hoff, Nate Scheevel
 3/9 Sandy Marzolf, Bobbi Jo Soland
 3/10 Tiffany Scheevel, Wesley Keune, Dallas Serfoss, Olivia Persons
 3/11 Joyce Hellickson
 3/12 Matthew Quanrud
 3/13 Laura Keune
 3/14 Kyla Hellickson, Barb Mielke
 3/15 Dawn Ristau, Sara Niemeyer
 3/17 Corey Keene, Lynn Staupe
 3/19 Stacey Bakke
 3/20 Randy Ristau, Avery Otley, Brett Grabau
 3/21 Nolan Bremseth, Kenzie Broadwater
 3/22 Mindy Parker, Nathan Grabau, Melissa Severson
 3/26 Taylor Kerns
 3/27 Rebecca Schwingle, Brian Ristau
 3/28 Kiel Larson, Sarah Holtegaard, Reid Marzolf
 3/29 Marilyn Bunge, Nick Ebner, Mary Glaser, Dan Grabau, David Scheevel
 3/30 Kendyl Kraling, Luke Ristau; **Matthew & Megan Rowe – Anniv.**



Christ Lutheran Church invites you to share in the joy of our CLC Card Ministry

A basket of envelopes has been placed in the Narthex, each envelope contains 1, 3, or 5 congregation members names and addresses. CLC Card Ministry asks that you send a card or a kind note to each person/family in the envelope. (Boxed Thinking of You cards are available for purchase in the Narthex.) Let us reach out with kindness.

Change is constant in our lives. Change is hard. During this season of Lent, we remember how everything changed when the long awaited Messiah was arrested and tried, when the crowds shouted “Crucify!” God’s love, forgiveness, and grace are some of the few certainties in our ever changing world. Remember this each night of March with the simple, 5-steps of FAITH5 (Faith Acts In The Home). Share this routine with your family or just keep it between you and God. Begin with “highs and lows” the best and worst moments of your day, read the “change” themed verse of scripture, pray and end with a blessing, perhaps tracing a cross on the forehead and saying something like “God is with you no matter what.”



Every night in every home



- March
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| 1 | Mark 8:34-37 |
| 2 | Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 |
| 3 | Luke 13:18-21 |
| 4 | Luke 6:46-49 |
| 5 | Psalms 90 |
| 6 | Matthew 18:3 |
| 7 | Romans 12:2 |
| 8 | John 2:13-22 |
| 9 | Isaiah 43:19 |
| 10 | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 |
| 11 | Luke 12:22-34 |
| 12 | Hebrews 13:8 |
| 13 | James 1:17 |
| 14 | Acts 3:19 |
| 15 | John 3:14-21 |
| 16 | Isaiah 40:28-31 |
| 17 | Ezekiel 36:26-28 |
| 18 | Mark 7:1-8 |
| 19 | Psalms 46:1-2 |
| 20 | 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 |
| 21 | 1 Samuel 15:29 |
| 22 | John 12:23-26 |
| 23 | Hebrews 11:8 |
| 24 | Isaiah 52:13-15 |
| 25 | Mark 10:32-34 |
| 26 | 1 John 3:2 |
| 27 | 2 Corinthians 3:18 |
| 28 | Malachi 3:6 |
| 29 | Joshua 1:9 |
| 30 | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 |
| 31 | Jeremiah 29:11 |

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

In person and online worship

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| Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday |
| Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion |
| Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Tenebrae Service |
| Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. | Traditional Easter service with Holy Communion |

Southeastern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast with the Bishop

Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 9–11AM
at Cabela’s Owatonna, MN

Everyone, and especially young men, are invited to attend this special event. Dwight Tostenson will be the Keynote Speaker. He is the CEO and Co-founder of The Redemption Project. Dwight will share about the compassionate work his team does with those touched by the criminal justice system. Bishop Regina Hassanally will be sharing a Devotion.

++++++ Registration Information ++++++

Cost: \$15/person (under 20 yrs.old \$10)

Pay Amanda in the church office by April 1st. Carpooling can be a possibility.

Come with us to the Holy Outdoors!

Good Earth Village, Lunch and Learn – Birding with Al Batt Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 am-2:00 pm

Al Batt is a writer, storyteller, and humorist whose observations about nature and humankind are read and heard in throughout the region. Al received the Thomas Sadler Roberts Award from the Minnesota Ornithologists’ Union for birding. Sign up on or before March 17 in the church narthex. Carpool drivers may be needed. A free-will donation for lunch is suggested.

Holy Week Hike, Root River Trailhead Friday, March 29, 3:00 pm

Join Pastor Kris on the trail as we wonder about the emotions of Holy Week. Her newsletter article includes a full description.

Please sign up in the narthex if you know in advance you will be coming. If the weather is inclement, check with the church office or Facebook page for updates.



~Easter~
March 31st, 2024

Help us beautify our sanctuary this Easter by ordering an Easter plant. Please include payment with your order and leave in the church office. Checks should be made payable to **Christ Lutheran Church**. *The deadline for ordering is **March 11th**.*

Your name(s)

Plants

Easter Lily ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$18.50 = _____

Mum ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Hyacinth ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$18.50 = _____

Tulips ~No. of pots ordered _____ x \$18.50 = _____

Given in Honor

of _____

Given in Memory

of _____

Plants will have your names on them and will be available to be picked up after the Easter service on March 31st.