

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Door Post

*Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.*

Matthew 7:8

MARCH 2024



Pastor Sue's Letter

The other day while I was wasting time on Facebook, I checked my "Memories," and came upon a quote that I posted a few years ago. I love it as much today as I did back then. It's written by Stephanie Sparkles.

"I love when people that have been through hell walk out of the flames carrying buckets of water for those still consumed by the fire."

Throughout my life I've seen people who have been through hell bring buckets of water to those who are still consumed by the fire. I've seen it in many times in my (almost) 9 years at Christ Lutheran Church. In so many ways, people have been through difficult times and have not let bitterness or anger define them. That doesn't mean they haven't felt bitterness or anger—that is absolutely normal. But in time, they have taken that loss or tragedy to help someone else going through something similar. Think back to those difficult times. Who carried buckets of water to you? To whom did you carry buckets of water?

On the last day of this month, we will celebrate the most amazing miracle of our Christian faith. The Resurrection of Jesus is March 31st. Jesus is the One who showed us how to carry buckets of water out of the flames. Satan tried to snuff out Jesus on Good Friday and Satan firmly believed he had killed Jesus once and for all. But on Easter morning, Jesus had the last laugh. God raised Jesus from the dead and He carried out endless buckets of water, which dripped from our foreheads when we were baptized.

Come and celebrate the miracle of Jesus' resurrection
Sunday, March 31! Services are at 6:30, 8:30, and 10:30am
Easter breakfast will be served at 7:30am in the Friendship Room.

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Mark 16:4-7

God's Abiding Peace,
Pastor Sue





Bible Readings

Week of March 3

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Week of March 10

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Week of March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-23

Week of March 24

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1—14:47

Week of March 31

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Mark 16:1-8



Daniel Anderson	3/2
Yvonne Swanson	3/6
Daniel Zell	3/7
Steven Opsahl	3/11
Gerald Bowen	3/13
Lorena Evarts	3/14
Janice Fritz	3/15
Mary Schwenn	3/22
Colleen Hagen	3/25
Lucille Haack	3/26
Joyce Mhlbauer	3/29

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Michael Ethun

who went to be with our heavenly

Father on February 2, 2024



Holy Baptism

March 12, 2017

Linkyn Jay Ryan

Daughter of

Jaylee Grundahl

&

Austin Ryan



Bonnie's Blurb

The Dance Goes on. . . It is a journey for sure this year. My book author, Richard Rohr has taken this subject on in his text “The Divine Dance.” It is not a fast read, but so solid in theology that it is delightful.

One of his basic subjects on the Divine Dance is that it takes lifting up the concept we hold dear in our faith. The concept is the Holy Trinity. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Rohr calls this joining of forces the “The Divine Circle Dance.” While we all have a rudimentary understanding of the concept, it is impossible to explain. We can say, the trinity is like....., or the trinity is similar to....., but no one has ever come up with the sentence that begins, the trinity is.....

The Holy Trinity is one of our mysteries. We are told to accept it, to believe it with all our hearts, but never are we expected to explain it. The Father, the Son, and the Spirit work as one, because they are one, and yet they are three. Delightful! In the icon pictured below, we have an interpretation of the Trinity that is the dance in a most delightful way. The picture hardly does the icon justice, but you can find it in many places. Perhaps you even own this icon and enjoy what it is saying to you. The iconographer uses the color Gold to depict God, the father. He (Rublev) uses the color blue for Jesus because blue is considered “human” by the icon writers. Thus, it depicts God in Christ taking on humanity. He even holds out two fingers, joining Spirit and matter. And for the Holy Spirit, who makes things come to life, to blossom, to bloom, he uses the color green. The action member of the Trinity.

The Holy One in three, eating and drinking, in infinite hospitality and utter enjoyment between themselves. In the beginning was the relationship of the Trinity. And the dance in the world was begun. There is even a fourth place. The Holy Spirit even points toward the empty space, inviting each observer to come, be part of the Circle Dance. Come, be part of the power of the Trinity in the world. Learn from the One who is Three. And, like our human dances, we allow God, the three in one, to lead. Always. Every dance needs a lead. We are followers. Enjoy this season. Come to the table.

Look for the dance and for your own star word, of course.

Deacon Bonnie



No Sew Fleece Blankets

Thank you to Sandy Weiss, Erin Aft, Vicki Nebl, Anne Emerson, Isabelle Emerson, Beth Brining, Rose Kirkeng, Connie Leonard, Heidi Gerritsen, Jen Lange, Marilyn Wild, Chelsea, Shirley Stronach and Pam Hamele who participated in making 43 blanket kits for Ronald McDonald House in Madison WI. Families staying at Ronald McDonald House will be able to finish the blankets during their stay. We had some really cute materials and want to thank you for material donations also. Please join us the next time we get together!



Let's Make Pillowcases!

Join us on Saturday, March 9, 2024 to make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. The pillowcases will go to UW Children's Hospital to be given to children battling cancer. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a lunch served and work until about 3:00 p.m. You do not need to know how to sew to help. There will be cutting, pinning, turning material inside out and ironing to do in addition to the sewing. Feel free to bring a friend. Confirmation kids will get community service hours for helping. If you are interested in donating fabric for this project the material needs to be 100% cotton and material suitable for children including holiday, Packer, Brewers and Badger material. The main pillowcase takes 3/4 yard fabric and the border fabric takes 1/3 yard. A money donation for fabric is always appreciated. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.



Altar Flowers

A special thank you to those who provide altar flowers throughout the year. As a reminder, when providing flowers, please make sure to contact the office at least a week or two in advance so an announcement can be put in the Sunday Bulletin. The 2024 sign up is posted in the Narthex.



March 10

*Remember to set your
clock ahead one hour*



March—Porchlight Wish List

During the month of March, CLC Social Ministries Committee will be collecting items from Porchlights wish list. Porchlight strives to reduce homelessness in Dane County by collaborating with the community to provide shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services that eliminate barriers and empower the individuals and families they serve. They also support veterans programs. Items needed - Floor cleaner such as pine-sol, bathroom cleaners such as bleach, dish & laundry soap (single-load pods/packets & small bottles), toothbrushes & toothpaste and shampoo/conditioner (2-in-1). If you would like to donate a grocery cart will be placed outside the Friendship Room for you to drop your items off. Thank you!



EASTER FLOWERS



Order Form

We are fast approaching Easter and it's time to order flowers for our Easter altar. We have a variety of choices this year, Lilies, Daffodils, Daisy Mums and Tulips, or you can give to the Decoration Fund.

To order, please complete the order form with your name, what kind of flower you wish to order, how many of each and enclose a check for the proper amount - payable to CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH. If you have any questions, please call the office at (608)846-4718.

EASTER FLOWERS

#_____ Easter Lily
(\$20.00)

#_____ Yellow Daisy Mums
(\$20.00)

#_____ White Daisy Mums
(\$20.00)

#_____ Lavender Daisy Mums
(\$20.00)

#_____ Daffodils
(\$20.00)

#_____ Red Tulips
(\$20.00)

#_____ Pink Tulips
(\$20.00)

#_____ Yellow Tulips
(\$20.00)

\$_____ Decorations (will accept through March 25th)

Given by: _____

In Memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____

**Flower order deadline is Sunday, March 25, 2024.
(You may pick up your flowers after the late service
on Easter morning, or during regular business hours
the following week).**





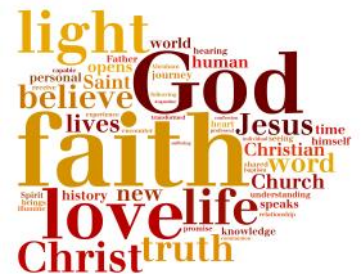
The Fellowship Committee

is looking for new members to join! Our primary functions we need help with are the Sunday morning Coffee Hour between worship services and helping to plan the Easter Breakfast.



Coffee Hour is happening now, please sign up to help. Please send your contact information to the office, and we will pass on your information 608-846-4718.

The Christian Education Committee is looking for teachers and assistants to help with Sunday School. We're looking for help weekly, monthly, as needed whenever possible. The Christian Education Committee is also looking for Adult Education facilitators/leaders.



Ushers

Ushers - We are looking for help whenever possible. Please call the office to sign up 608-846-4718.



For Sale

Lutefisk - in 5lb bags, \$6 per pound, \$30 per bag

Lefse - Bulk bags \$12/bag - Small bags \$2.50/bag

Contact: The Office 608-846-4718 or David Erickson 608-513-9137



Date	Readers	Ushers	Communion	Acolytes
Sun. March 3				
8:00 am	Steve Ursin	Team Thompson	Team Nelson	Brinely Schwenn Maddie Riedel
10:30 am		Team Kvalheim	Team Lockman	
Sun. March 10				
8:00 am	Vicki Sobczak	Team Lockman	Team Legried	Brinely Schwenn
10:30 pm	Nora Geach	Team Emerson	Team Cahill-Wolfgram	Maddie Riedel
Sun. March 17				
8:00 am	Tim Thompson	Team Janovitz	Team Ursin	
10:30 am	Nora Geach	Team Blau	Team Emerson	
Sun. March 24				
8:00 am	Nora Geach	Team Paulson	Team Paulson	Brinely Schwenn Maddie Feldman
10:30 am	Steve Ursin	Team Campbell	Team Lockman	
Manudy Thursday Thurs. March 28				
7:00 pm	N/A	Team Thompson	Team Nelson	
Good Friday Fri. March 29				
1:30 pm	N/A	Team Kvalheim		
7:00 pm	N/A	Team Lockman		
Easter Sunday March 31				
6:30 am	Tim Thompson	Team Janovitz	Team Legried	Maddie Feldman
8:30 am	Jane Cahill-Wolfgram	Team Emerson	Team Cahill-Wolfgram	
10:30 am	Steve Ursin	Team Blau	Team Ursin	



From the CLC Quilters

Thank you to everyone who bought quilts and other goodies from the quilters. Also thank you to those who made a donation for supplies. You are our “Angels.”
CLC Quilters



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Put your 2023 and 2024 Choice Dollars to use. Designate your Choice Dollar® monies to Christ Lutheran Church. ***March 29th is the last day to designate built up Choice Dollars from the previous year.*** If you have questions regarding this process please contact your Thrivent Agent, or go online.

Thank you to the 2023 supporters! We received \$3,033 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. Great job!

***Souper Bowl of Caring results are in!
Thank you to everyone who contributed.***

The money raised will go to Deforest, Windsor Food Pantry.

Kansas City Chiefs Win!

60 Cans of Soup

\$105 in donations



San Francisco 49ers

22 Cans of Soup

\$64 in donations






2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Nametag Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 9 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm DeForest Study 5:30 pm Property Committee 6:30 pm Bell Practice-S 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	5 5:45 pm Confirmation 7pm Lenten Service Choir practice after 7pm service	6 4 pm Bell Quarte - S 6 pm Boy Scout -FH	7 6 pm Boy Scout -FH 6:30 pm Cub Scout	8 9:00 am Case's for Smiles -FH 9:00 am Scouting For Food	9 9:00 am Case's for Smiles -FH 9:00 am Scouting For Food
10 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	11 8 am Quilters-NK 6 pm Girl Scouts	12 9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Practice-S 6:30 pm Cub Scouts-FH/NK	13 5:45 pm Confirmation 7pm Lenten Service Choir practice after 7pm service	14 6 pm Boy Scout -FH 6:30 pm Cub Scout	15	16
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24 Palm Sunday 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	25 8 am Quilters-NK 6 pm Girl Scouts Trp #8217 -NK	26 9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Practice-S	27 	28 Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship	29 Good Friday 1:30 pm Worship 7pm Worship	30
31 Easter Sunday 6:30 am, 8:30 & 10:30 Worship Services 