

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday

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**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!**

Throughout the Lenten season we've heard from the prophet Amos of God's judgment against His people. It certainly appears that the lights are about to be turned off. Their party is over. Yet God also promises that out of the rubble of their trouble, He will remake them. Out of the rubble of our sin, God has brought forgiveness and new life through our Lord Jesus, sealed in His own death and resurrection. Happy Easter!

If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better. Please fill out a Call to Christian Fellowship card with our regular members and do join us again soon.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated at this Congregation in the glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Because Holy Communion is also a statement of faith, any who hold a confession differing from that of this Congregation, are asked first to speak with a Pastor. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. Non-alcoholic white wine is available in the center of the tray.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life-directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

**OUR WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY:**

**Hymns & Liturgy:** As printed on the worship folder

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 65:17-25. . . . .Bible Page 624

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26. . . . .Bible Page 961

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12. . . . . Bible Page 884

**Adult Choir & Adult Handbell Choir**

**Organist:** Mrs. Carolyn Koch

**Sermon:** Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

Amos 9:11-15....."Party On"

**ELDER PRAYING** with the Pastors before the 7:00 AM Service - Mr. Tommie Washington.

**ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:** 7:00 AM - Mr. Larry Von Behren, Mr. Tommie Washington; 10:45 AM - Mr. Del Hume, Mr. Ron Millard, Sr.

**THE TENEBRAE CANDELABRA** on the altar Good Friday assisted us in our worship as we focused our attention on seven lessons of our Lord's suffering and death. The candelabra is a gift from Pastor and Mrs. Knief to Christ Lutheran. The lettering "It Is Finished!" was engraved on the front by Mr. Jason Allen of the *LittleRedWoodshop* located in Manito. He donated his time and expertise as a gift to our congregation. Our thanks to him! May our God bless his work and his walk with the Lord.

**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING** before the 7:00 AM Service are Mrs. Laura Crawford and Mrs. Susan Fredericks. Before the 10:45 AM Service are Mrs. Irene Hoeltje and Mrs. Vi Lawrence.

**USHERS FOR APRIL:** 8:00 AM - Team 3(Jachin-Boaz Team) Kevin Frederking, Captain; Dwayne Allen, Peter Dawson, Bonnie Farrell, Mike Fritch, Dario Lamberti, Ken Slater; 10:45 AM - Team 4 (Zechariah-Elizabeth Team) Mike Lemm, Captain; Joe Bembenek, Cassandra Eckhoff, Tim Summers, Leo Tosch, Bill Wieland, Ron Price.

**ACOLYTES:** Kuda Zhou, Kuziva Zhou  
Heather Lannert, Natalie Stewart

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Rebecca Kelly, Abigail Teske  
Jacob Partee, Michael Stewart

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and offerings \$8,914.00, total for the month \$41,972.41. Improvement Fund \$31.00, total for the month \$1,056.00. Attendance: 183+132=315. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd, 16; 3rd-8th, 26; High School, 16; Adults, 78; Visitors, 6; Total, 143. Average attendance in March, 344. Holy Communion: 3/7, 243; 3/14, 206; 3/21, 253; 3/28, 225.

**THIS IS THE 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED** on the Altar today to the glory of God and in memory of Kaaren Hartness by Larry Hartness, Ruth Butsch, Kristi, Jeff & Nicholas Embry, Donna Becker, Marlyn Tietjen and Ed & Martha Guppy.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is hosting a trivia Night on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hill Street in Peoria. The trivia contest begins at 6:00 PM. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5:30 PM. Teams may consist of up to 10 people at a table at a cost of \$150 per table (\$15.00 per person). Entrants may register complete teams or as individuals to join a team. Call the School at 637-1512 for more information and to register your team.

**JORDAN TAYLOR CARTER** and **NATHAN BRYANT CARTER**, children of Bryant & Cynthia Carter, were baptized on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at our evening Midweek Service. May the Holy Spirit bless Jordan and Nathan's new birth "from this time forth and even forevermore."

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a big success - to anyone who donated eggs or candy, to all those who stuffed the eggs and to everyone who helped on Saturday with all the activities.

**THE LWML BIRTHDAY DINNER** will be on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Childer's Banquet Center at 3113 Dries Lane, Peoria. Cost is \$15 per person-reservations can be made by calling Susan Gulley, 682-6992; Irene Hoeltje, 689-0548; or Jane Millard at 697-8733.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Methodist - Mrs. Marilyn Otten, Mrs. Lucy Tosch.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** Continued prayers for Blanche Bracken, Ruth Butsch, Kathryn Clarke, Al & Delma DeWeerth, Rita Fistler, Amie Hester, Raymond Marvel, Jean Reinhart, Cleone Schliepsiek, Donna Schmidt, Margaret Schreiber, Marilyn Smith, Dale Swanson; for our members serving in the military.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). This verse presents the most fundamental premise for stewardship. Motivated by God's love, we give our lives and resources so the mission of Christ and his church is accomplished. Our giving is a response out of gratitude for the love that God has given to us through His Son.

**ON THIS EASTER MORNING**, the children in Sunday School learned that Jesus' death and resurrection grants us eternal life in heaven with Him (Luke 23:26-24:12). Alleluia! As a family, discuss the Lenten journey to the cross and the cost of your sin. Talk about Jesus' resurrection and payment for your sin. Open your hymnal and sing together your favorite Easter hymn!

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter:

- The First Lesson: Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)
- The Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18
- The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

Sun., April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Breakfast (Youth serving)

Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup> - Potato Pancake Supper fundraiser

Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon - National Youth Gathering  
MANDATORY meeting

Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup> - District Bible Bowl

Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup> - CID Pre-Gathering Mardi Gras Celebration

Fri., April 16 - Sunday, April 18 - Confirmation Retreat  
(Great Oaks Camp)

Fri., April 23 - Sunday, April 25 OAFCC (Mt. Calvary, Galesburg)

**THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** All-you-can-eat Sausage, Pancake & Potato Pancake Supper will be held this Saturday, April 10 from 4:00-6:30 PM at Christ Lutheran School. Adults-\$6; K-8 Students-\$3; family-\$20. Proceeds and Thrivent matching funds will go to help cover the cost of the CYF trip to the National Youth Gathering.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** will have a Benefit Night at the Burger King at 3129 N. University St., Peoria on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM. Pick up a flyer and present it before you order on that night and the preschool will receive 20% of your purchase.

**SET SAIL** on our High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School this summer, June 13-17, from 6-8:30 PM. Join us for a 5-day experience as we discover how God's Word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing, and for everyone. Kids 3 years old - completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to attend. Many volunteers are needed for VBS, so please consider getting involved. Check out the VBS display table in the Narthex for more information!

**VBS ITEMS** needed: Please save us paper towel tubes and empty Pringles canisters. These items can be placed in the boxes under the VBS table in the Narthex.

**YOUTHBUILDS:** It's been a while since I visited with you about the Youthbuilds' project, where we would partner with The City of Peoria, Habitat for Humanity, Bradley Univ. & other contacts to build a new home on the site of our present playground on Malone. Plans are progressing, but a key step in the process is finding a buyer. **These projects are designed to help people find housing they might not otherwise be able to afford.** It would be our desire to extend this help to someone within our worshiping community. If you or someone you know might be interested in this opportunity, see Pastor Eckhoff soon. If a potential, eligible buyer cannot be identified within our Christ Lutheran family, we will then broaden our search.

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING:** April 4-10, 2010

- MON:** NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK - EASTER BREAK  
Evangelism Board Meeting. . . . . 6:00 PM  
Parish Education Board Meeting. . . . . 6:00 PM
- TUE:** Trustees' Meeting. . . . . 6:00 PM  
Youth Board Meeting . . . . . 6:30 PM
- WED:** NYG FGAL Meeting. . . . . 7:00-9:00 PM
- THU:** Quilting. . . . . 12 Noon  
Adult Bell Choir Practice . . . . . 6:15 PM  
Stewardship & Finance Board. . . . . 6:30 PM
- SAT:** Praise Band Practice. . . . . 8:30 AM  
Men's Bible Study. . . . . 9:30-11:00 AM  
Adopt-A-Block. . . . . 9:45 AM  
Thrivent Potato Pancake Supper . . . . . 4:00-6:30 PM