



*He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.  
Come, see...! Matthew 28:6*

Soon throughout Christendom, the joy-filled alleluias will be heard again as we celebrate Easter. The 40 days of Lent will soon be behind us and we move into the 50 days of the Easter Season!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Easter is that time when we think about the joy of the resurrection – that death does not have the last word! We serve a God who has conquered death, and many bore witness to that fact.

As we continue the story of the church of triumph, we will be spending time starting in May with what happened in the early church as we hear from the books of Acts and Romans. So many questions had to be answered by those early believers that we take for granted today. It will be fun to delve into the story of those early believers, and hear directly from Paul, the encounter he had with Jesus.

In **Sunday Ed on April 7**, DJ Trujillo will be teaching us how to tie scarves. What fun we will have as we bring our scarf treasures and learn new ways to wear them.

Then, we will round out the year in Sunday Ed by watching Bill Moyers teach on ***Wisdom of Faith: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam with Huston Smith***. With all of the special days where no Sunday Ed occurs, this series will take us to the end of June!

For those of you who would like to start saving your money, it is my intention to take a group of pilgrims to the **Holy Land in April of next year!** Watch for more information to come.

I'd like to close with a poem by Ann Weems entitled:

### ***Come to the Easter Party***

I think on Easter morning we should throw  
confetti in church!  
No?  
What about a little fanfare?  
A deafening drum roll?  
A three-minute standing ovation?  
What? Have we had the drums beaten out  
of us  
That we in the celebrative community can't  
really

Get excited  
About God's aliveness?

About God's love given to us  
unconditionally?  
Have we given Easter to the lily bearers, the  
bunny rabbits, the  
patent leather shoes?  
Let's face it:  
We live as though we don't believe in Easter.

We're the crowd –  
Easily swayed,  
Easily scared,  
Easily calling for blood.  
We're the good church people  
Who can't believe Jesus meant love one  
another –  
Not all the one anothers,  
Not drug addicts and criminals.  
We hate injustice when it's injustice toward  
us;  
We love mercy when it's mercy for us;  
We walk humbly with our God when it's  
convenient.

We're babe believers who resist the  
resurrection;

We're Christmas Christians who are very  
good at  
Celebrating Christ's birth.  
We can cling to the Babe.  
We're even Crucifixion Christians,  
Agonizing, sympathizing,  
Relating to the Hero of the Cross.  
We can rock a Baby;  
We can weep for a Dead Man;  
But what can we do with a 33-year-old who  
won't let the story end?

Easter scares us  
Because we're the people who can't  
believe  
That God gives us abundant Life;  
We think we have to earn it.  
In our pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-  
bootstraps society  
It's hard to remember that God' doesn't buy  
the self-made man.  
So we in the church spend our lives showing  
God  
What good people we are,  
What achievers we are,  
How much we deserve God's love.  
We want to pay our own way,  
But Easter says it's already been paid!  
Easter says, no matter how prodigal,  
We can go home again!  
So come to the Easter party!  
Let's celebrate that amazing grace  
That in Christ's resurrection  
We are still loved even at our most  
outrageous.  
The Lord has given us the music;  
All we need do is dance it!  
Come to the Easter party!

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**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**



As we come to the conclusion of our 40 day journey, we can reflect back on all the trials and tribulations our Lord endured and the ultimate sacrifice he made for all of us. I know many of us have had some trials of our own this season; just remember; the Lord is always with you! Please come and join us during Holy Week as we conclude our Lenten journey.

**Youth Music News!!!!**

**Musicmakers** meet on Tuesday morning at 11:00. I will keep you posted on upcoming events when they transpire.

**Kaleidoscope** is on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:15. **Kaleidoscope I and II have combined to make one group of 8-10 wonderful children.**

We have a website: <http://brimad.com/Kaleidoscope/Welcome.html>

**Youth Band** is now an outreach program, with four new kids joining from the Lakewood area. Anyone who wants to join this group will need to understand that this is no longer solely a *Christ Lutheran* youth band. All are welcome. For more information, see Brian.

**The Music Teams** are finishing up with Lent. After a brief one week break after Easter, we will all be back to work.

**Worship Report:** Nothing new to report other than to ask that you please consider helping out on Altar Guild. And please check the flower chart to see if you might fill in any empty weeks so we always have fresh flowers on Sundays.

Once again, thank you for your time, talents and treasures...as well as your love and support.

Your humble Director,

Brian Madigan

## High School and Young Adult Ministries

*"A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34).* This happens to be one of my favorite Bible verses and, yet, it is also the hardest to digest. We are to love everyone? Those who see things differently than us? Those who we perceive as our enemies? How? As we celebrate Holy Week and look to the cross, may our hearts be opened to love. For just as Jesus does not discriminate whom he loves, neither should we.



### EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

It's 9 – 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 21, 2019. Tickets will be available at the door and in advance – First ticket is \$10 and each additional is \$5/per. All proceeds will go towards youth ministry. that time again! The annual Easter Pancake Breakfast will be held from

Want to help?

- We will set-up on Saturday, April 20, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall! Email [sarah.swagler@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.swagler@gmail.com) if you can help!
- There are still spots available to assist with the breakfast – we need runners, assistance cleaning up, dishwashers, etc. Please email [sarah.swagler@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.swagler@gmail.com) if you are interested in filling a particular position!



#### APRIL LOFT Dates

- **Sunday, April 14:**  
Movie and lunch!
- **Sunday, April 21:**  
Easter Pancake Breakfast!

What a beautiful day we had hiking the Hollywood sign on Sunday, March 24!

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## Preschool News

March was a busy month for the preschool. We had our "An Emerald Evening" auction on Friday, March 15th. We had about 100 people in attendance and everyone looked lovely in their emerald green attire. We had a wonderful night with a wine pull, Lollipop lottery game, "Lion's Liquid

Courage or Tin Man Tonic" drink raffle, and dinner with live music from Wicked, The Wiz and Wizard of Oz. We had 75 auction baskets this year as well as live auction items and our *fund an item* which was to raise money for playground upgrades. We brought in a total of \$21, 520 with a profit of \$17, 158 for the preschool. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success!



We had a lot of fun with the children celebrating St. Patrick's day and the beginning of Spring. The children's imaginations go wild searching for leprechauns on the playground and setting leprechaun traps in their classroom. We have enjoyed seeing all the new bugs on the playground. We started planting in our garden and look forward to seeing what will grow this Spring.



The last two weeks of March we had parent teacher conferences to get ready for registration the first week in April. After current parents register, open enrollment for our upcoming 2019-2020 school year will begin on April 8th.

Looking forward to a fun month!

*Lisa Clinton*

**OWLs in the Nest** This regular fellowship time is an opportunity to enjoy a potluck meal, conversations with each other, Pastor Pam and maybe interesting visitors, play cards or other types of games, etc. **Make sure to be at the next meeting on Thursday, April 11th, at 12:30pm in the social hall** everyone else who attends is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please contact Harriette Probst at 562 430-9448; leave a message and say that you are from Christ Lutheran.

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**Adult Bible Study** is now meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays

of each month at 7:15pm in the home of Phil and Jeanne Peterson. The current study is on *the Book of Acts*. Everyone is invited and welcome to join in. **The April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled due to evening Lenten worship on Wednesdays. The only April meeting will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Phil or Jeanne for more information, 562 429-3093.

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**Bible 101 meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:15pm. Everyone is invited to spend some time getting to know the Bible; bring your questions to try and stump Pastor Pam—betcha can't! No previous experience required! Join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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**Men's Bible Study Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Men of**

**all ages are encouraged to come to the conference room for a time of study and fellowship. Next meeting is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

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**Pray for Peace in the Middle East**

Join Pastor Pam in the Sanctuary on the 24th of each month at 7pm to pray for peace in this fragile and volatile area of the world.



Raising our voices together in hope for respect and resolution is one way that we can support our brothers and sisters in this region.

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The Sons of Norway meet in CLC's Social Hall at noon on the second



**SONS OF NORWAY**

Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. The April meeting is Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 6:30 – 8pm. We gather to knit and crochet prayer shawls for distribution to those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need. Patterns are available!





## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members at Home or in Care Centers:** Justin Bartlow, Judy Haenn, Ione Marchael and Dave Nell.

**Those struggling with illness or other concerns:** BJ Anthony, Carol Goller, Daniel Howard, Donna Johnson, the Joseph family, Harriette Probst, Bary & Janice Schlieder and Lonnie Timney.

**Family & Friends:** Jeri Cooper Alacano, the Ames family, Marilyn Armstrong, Ralph Bender, Dave Blasco, Lois Brown, CJ Buckner, Wynn Burkard, John Byron, Clara & John Caldwell, Dawnie Campbell, Raul Cerda, Susan Clark, David Corm, Charlie Corm, Gail Delanty, Veronica DeRossi, Jim Edwards, Jan Esser, Shawn Fechter, Ana Forrester, Cheri & Fernando de Gomez, Marla Gonzales, Alberta Gray, Bobbi Guzman, Evie Holdhusen, Bobbie Hoenig, Bill Horner, Leslie Hoskins, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Mary Keenan, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Heather & Kathy Lund, Don Norris, Ian Ollie, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Marina Reyna, Lyn Schrenk, Mark Shreckengast, Heather Skipworth, Anna Watt-Morse, Jenny & Steve West, Gary Zimmerman and the Zierhut family.

**We pray for the ongoing work of:**

**+ Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.**

**+First responders who provide safety, security and care.**

**+ Those serving in our nation's military;** especially Jason Arellano, Samuel Brown, Gene Chen, Rachel & Victor Colon, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, William Eaton, Damian Ellsworth, Nicholas Fournoy, Gabriel Gallegos, Richard Gallegos, Chandler Hoover, John Lambertson, Brittany Graham, Davis McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn, Haley Fessenden, Johnny Luna, Shawn McRae, Emily Merritt, Steven Andrew Navarro, Michael Joseph Navarro, Jim Reeder, Sophie Schade, Douglas Steelhammer, Dominic Vancini, Jonah Westcott, Joshua Wauchope and Collin White.



**April 21** *Linda and Gary Zimmerman*  
**April 22** *Courtney and Sean Cover*  
**April 25** *Ruth and Lowell Benner*



**4/1** *Brianna Peralta*  
**4/3** *Dave Challis*  
**4/3** *Amanda Croes*  
**4/3** *Jillian Rollins*  
**4/9** *Phyllis Kay*  
**4/9** *Matt Nelson*  
**4/10** *Laurie Ennen*  
**4/14** *Shannon Howard*  
**4/17** *Stephanie Petrbock*  
**4/18** *John Ennen*  
**4/27** *Lisa Cottrell*  
**4/27** *Mark Moon*  
**4/28** *Paisley Treat*  
**4/30** *Noah Dodd*  
**4/30** *Tricia Latiolait*  
**4/30** *Erin Lowther*  
**4/30** *Stephanie Murray*

## *Lent, Holy Week & Easter*



- **April 3 & 10- Wednesday Lenten Worship**  
 Devotional Worship & Soup Lunch 11:30 a.m.  
 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m., Devotional Worship 7:00 p.m.
- **April 14 - Palm Sunday Worship, 9:30a.m.**
- **April 18 - Maundy Thursday Worship**  
 7:00 p.m. with Foot Washing & Holy Communion
- **April 19 - Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm**
- **April 21 - Easter Worship**  
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Festival Worship with Holy Communion  
**Easter Breakfast**  
 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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