



Christ & Trinity Lutheran Church

Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”
Isaiah 60: 1

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Sunday School:
2nd and 4th Sundays: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Weds. Bible Study: 7:00 pm



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Council Officers:
Andrea Eppenauer, President
Jason Ohare, Vice President
Pr. Anne Kyle, Secretary
Tricia Wehrman, Treasurer

Church Secretary:
Kay Strouse



Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-2:00pm
Closed on Fridays

From Pastor Anne

Keeping a Holy Eastertide

Easter day dawns for us with shouts of joy. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Our journey through the wilderness of Lent is over and the Feast of the Resurrection has begun. We move from the sorrow of the cross to the joy of the empty tomb.

So, what do we do to keep holiness alive now that chocolate, coffee, and the other things we may have abstained from are back on the menu? How do we take the wilderness experience with us as we journey into the light of our risen savior? How do we keep our hearts burning within us as the hearts of those on the road to Emmaus burned? *Luke 24:13-35*

Through the Church we observe Easter not as a day on the calendar or a one-and-done feast, but as a season. The season of Easter holds space for celebration and for a joy so great that it cannot be contained. And, like Lent, the season of Easter is a time of preparation for another great and wonderful mystery, the Day of Pentecost and the birth of the Church.

We spend the season of Lent recognizing our human frailty and working to ready ourselves for Easter joy. We fast. We pray. We confess. We repent. We do things to move ourselves closer to the vision God has for us. The season of Easter is a shift from the darker journey of Lent to the brighter journey of hope renewed. The Easter feast is not only about the resurrection of our savior, but also about the promise of joy in our own lives as we focus our attention on the renewal of life, given through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

I encourage each of us to consider choosing a special intention for the fifty days of Easter whether or not you had a special way of observing Lent. Here are some ideas you might choose from.

- Keep a journal (or make a list, if journaling seems like too heavy a lift) of at least one moment or gift of joy experienced each day.
- Devote time to the daily reading of scripture. See my article on page 2 about daily reading resources.
- Begin using a daily devotional. You will find Christ in our Home devotionals on the table in the fellowship hall. There are also online devotionals of all kinds available.
- Make a written prayer list and commit to a habit of setting aside time for daily prayer.

It is my prayer that devoting ourselves to the journey of Eastertide will be a blessing. Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

News from the Church Council

The council met on March 17th. Those interested in running for a seat on council, please see Andrea Eppenauer or Jason Ohare. The Synod Assembly will be held in-person this year in Olathe, Kansas. Pr. Anne and Andrea plan to attend. If you are interested in attending, please see Pr. Anne.

The council voted to welcome a women's AA group to use our building. Details on specific time and day to follow. The Audit of the 2023 books is almost complete. Thank you to Betty Barnes and Elda Bryson for their ministry!

We will not have a trip to Young Christians Weekend, and the council decided that the funds should be saved for a future LYO event or need.



Sunday School for the LYO class and for the children meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We will meet at 10:00 am for Bible study, discussion, and activities. This month we meet for our last two sessions on April 14th and 28th. See you there!

Ladies Shared Bible Study **Wednesday, April 10th**

The women of Christ and Trinity will have Bible study on **Wednesday April 10th** from 2:00-3:00 pm. We will continue the Bible study from the March/April *Gather* Magazine. All are welcome! Bring a friend! Ladies from Calvary will be joining us. If you need a copy of the Bible study, see Pr. Anne.

Save the Date – **Celebrate our Graduate**

We will celebrate Allison Eppenauer's graduation with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree on Sunday, May 26th. Plan to join us for worship followed by cake and coffee.

A Single Thought: Before we can pray, "Thy kingdom come," we must be willing to pray, "My kingdom go."
Alan Redpath



2024 Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 5th

The 24th Annual Meeting of Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church will be held as a part of worship on Sunday, May 5th beginning at 11:00 am. Please watch for the annual report booklets later in April and plan now to attend.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Our Bible Study will resume on April 10^h at 7:00 pm via Zoom video and phone call. We will conclude our study of the book *Mere Christianity*. Friends from outside our congregation are welcome to join us. Just let Pr. Anne know and she will give them the connection information. Our Zoom link will be the same as we have been using.

Daily Scripture Reading

There are many resources available to guide us through the daily reading of Scripture. Our hymnal, the ELW, includes a lectionary or list of daily Bible readings. The readings for Eastertide, year B begin on page 865. Look at the bottom of the first column under the heading "Three Days – Easter" and begin on April 1st with the Monday reading. You will find Psalms, Old Testament, and New Testament readings. For those who prefer to find the readings online visit <https://www.dailylectio.net/calendar>. There you will find a calendar with readings for each day which match the readings found in the back of the ELW.

Church Office Closed

Our church secretary, Kay Strouse, will be spending some time in Texas following the birth of her first grandchild. The baby is due March 30, so Kay will likely be out of the office the first two weeks in April. Pastor Anne will be sending out an email to notify church members of when the office will be closed.

Kay will be doing some work for the church remotely, and Pastor Anne will also be helping to cover the work.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Anne will be on vacation
April 1 – 8.

Pastor Anne will offer laying on
of hands and prayers for healing
on Sunday, April 14th following worship.

Feed the Hungry Sunday is
on Sunday, April 28. We are collecting
canned fruits this month.

Pr. Anne is offering Facebook Live
Prayer and Devotions
Monday-Thursday at 8 am
on her Facebook page.

This month the local benevolence
offering will be given to Pettis County
Community Partnership.

May newsletter items are due
to the secretary by
Wednesday, April 24th.



Readings for the Sundays in April

April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 4: 32-35
- Psalm 133
- 1 John 1: 1 – 1: 2
- John 20: 19-31

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 3: 12-19
- Psalm 4
- 1 John 3: 1-7
- Luke 24: 36b-48

April 21 – 4th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 4: 5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3: 16-24
- John 10: 11-18

April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 8: 26-40
- Psalm 22: 25-31
- 1 John 4: 7-21
- John 15: 1-8



Prayer Requests:

Floyd Hatfield, Helen Ewing, Nelson Eckhoff, Patty Kelley, Connie Shoemaker, Paula Merten, Dean Desilet, Richard Dean, Angela, Ryan and Marissa, Aston and Asher, Rick Morrison, Gerald Hunton, Curt Jeter, Carol Benner, Deb Williams, Matt Stull, Gwen Eppenauer.

Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Louise Harms, Sandra Graf, Sally Lynn, Nadine Fingland, Marene Levin, Val Hoon, and Marian Ehlers.

Let us also remember Getayawckal Ariaya from Ethiopia, and Mouniratou from Burkina Faso; and those who serve our country in the armed services, peace corps and missions.



April Birthdays



- 4 April Ream
- 23 Lauren Stevens
- 24 Melany Satnan
- 26 Helen Ewing
- 27 Leslie Johansen

No April Anniversaries