



News & Notes for Christ Lutheran Church

March 31, 2024

Mission Statement of CLC



Welcoming all with grace, Worshiping God through praise, Witnessing Christ through service

Good Morning! Happy Easter!

As was the theme throughout Lent, each week had an emotion associated with it...this Sunday's featured emotion is Jubilation! (for obvious reasons!)

Two services this week with communion at both services.

No Sunday School this week but it will be back in session next week. Older youth will have some planning to do for youth Sunday scheduled for 4/14!

Youth Sunday at CLC on Sunday, April 14!

This is a day in which the Youth of the congregation offer the worship service for all to enjoy. There will be one service at 9:30 am, with no SS classes. Please plan to join!

College Care Boxes

On **Sunday, April 21**, the Sunday School students will be spending their class time focused on the college students of our church family. They will pack college care packages, color pictures/cards for them, and pray for them as they finish up the Spring semester. A sign up genius will be posted soon, if you would like to contribute an item to the boxes, or you are welcome to take one of the boxes to send.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The need for blood is constant. The gratification is instant.

On **April 18, 11am to 4pm, (Please note the new time for this drive!** the Social Ministry Team is hosting another blood drive at Christ Lutheran Church.

You can sign up by following this link:

<https://www.redcross.org/>

If you not able to sign up through the link or have any questions, please contact Marlys Thomas at marlystthomas1@gmail.com and she

will answer your questions and help you with your appointment.

Please sign up and help make our blood drive successful! Thank you.

Rise Against Hunger

As part of our year of "Witnessing Christ Through Service" we're excited to invite you to a special meal packaging event. Together, volunteers aim to create up to 10,152 meal kits for those in need.

Date: Saturday, April 6th Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This event is not only an opportunity to serve our community but also a chance to extend a warm invitation to friends and neighbors. Sometimes, it's easier to introduce someone to the church through a service event rather than traditional worship. This fun-filled occasion offers a relaxed atmosphere for newcomers to get acquainted with the community and witness firsthand how CLC strives to follow Jesus.

Please note that space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Use this link to register: <https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage?id=701Pj0000074EzfIAE>

The cost for this event is \$4,100, which will be covered by the Lenten offerings and contributions from the community.

Participation is free, but if you wish to contribute, you can donate directly on our Rise Against Hunger registration page by clicking the button below.

Let's come together in service and fellowship, spreading the love of Christ through our actions. Can't wait to see you there!

April Women's Group Event

Friday, April 19th from 6:30 – 7:30pm

Join the group at Sip and Scent to make a product with a fragrance you create. You can make candles, body care products, home fragrances, hair care products, personal fragrances, or bath and shower products. You will have one hour to make your products, so we will need to be there on time. I am told that is plenty of time. You can find a list of products and pricing by going to their website:

www.scentandsip.com

If you decide to make a candle, Marlys will be happy to pick it up for you the following day. As the name suggests, we can bring snacks and drinks.

We need to let them know how many are attending so they can set up for us. So please sign up through the Signup Genius.

If we decide we haven't had enough fun after the one hour we can move down the street to the Stove and Tap.

RSVP here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9A62EA3F85-48343133-scent> if you are able to attend.

Homeless Task Force – Message from Education Team

Blog Post: Through my experience working at the shelter, I came to think a homeless shelter as a picture of the Easter message.

A homeless shelter is a place where people stay who has no home. Jesus is home for people without a place, spiritually speaking. A homeless shelter provides sanctuary, meals, and care, as does Jesus. But more profoundly, Jesus is our meal, our shelter, and our sanctuary; He is our all in all.

Furthermore, Jesus came to redeem humanity, to offer the world hope, to show the love of God, and serve humanity. Jesus came for humans-all people: the homeless, disenfranchised, and the down-and-outers, the up-and-comers, and the overachievers.

So, too a Christian homeless shelter: it yearns to provide hope, show love, partner with God in the renewal of a life, and serve as many people as possible, to be the hands and feet of the Living Lord.

{Source: excerpt from blog post Joy Junction with a guest post by Pastor Brian Nixon}

Fact: On a typical night, 549,000 Americans are homeless {Source: Council for the Homeless}

Shepherd's Shelf



Registration for the 2024 golf outing is now live. The outing is Monday, June 24th at Indian Valley Country

Club. Click here to register: <https://richard-d-stephens-memorial-golf-outing.perfectgolfevent.com/>

NEW! Shepherd's Shelf is celebrating **20 years** of helping our community! You and your family are invited to stop by Shepherd's Shelf on **May 17** anytime between 6pm - 8pm for a night of food and fellowship to celebrate. The Shelf couldn't have done it without the help of all our wonderful volunteers and countless donors throughout the years. Please RSVP here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAEA723A5FD0-48275451-2024> by May 8.

You are welcome to drop food at the office any day of the week, Monday through Thursday. Or if you would like, bring it along to church on Sunday. If it makes it in the building, someone will be sure to get it over to the Shelf for distribution.

The button with the most up to date list is on our website under the Shepherd's Shelf tab. Always remember to check the sign-up genius if you would like to volunteer at the Shepherd's Shelf.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds> Distribution occurs on Mondays from 6:30pm – 8pm, Tuesdays from 10am – 11am or Wednesdays from 6:30pm –

8pm. Adults and youth 12 and older are welcome to help. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Any questions contact Steph or call the church office.

In the Lutheran Community

LAMPa's work connects Lutherans to lawmakers. But our mission also connects Lutherans to each other and our neighbors here and around the globe. It connects faith to public life. Acts of service to works of justice. Thoughts and prayers, to action. This Eastertide, we invite you to lean with us into that work of connecting with the launch of statewide service and justice networks. Join LAMPa and your neighbors around the Commonwealth who are living into their baptismal call to serve in the way of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We're starting with noontime virtual gatherings around four areas in which our ministries have a depth of experience or excitement to grow and where Lutherans are expressing energy for making a difference.

April 3 - [Hunger and Poverty](#)

April 10 - [Creation Care](#)

April 17 - [Human and Civil Rights](#)

April 24 - [Housing and Homelessness](#)

Here's the link to the LAMPa website to find out more information.

<https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/>

These initial virtual gatherings will start at noon on Wednesdays in April. We will survey to determine best days, times and frequency for meetings moving forward. The networks are not just about meetings. They're about ongoing connection and community, grounded in the hope of Easter.

Our hope is for these networks to be spaces for learning and mutual support, for sharing stories, ideas, inspiration and information about grants and other resources. In a time of division in our public life, they will offer opportunity for building bridges and

organizing for faithful action. You can help shape our public witness to better reflect the beauty, diversity and needs of our neighbors and our common home.

Of course, our call to love our neighbor extends beyond neat categories, and so does LAMPa's work. You can sign up for a network or let us know where else God is leading you (*and/or your congregation!*) to act in love here: <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/get-involved/discover-ways-to-engage-with-us/>. Join us and share the news as we strive to be Church together in Pennsylvania for the sake of the world God loves!

Prayer List

Bereavement:

The family and friends of Amy Ivory as they grieve her death, friend of the Williams family and the Healy family

The family and friends of Virginia Laudeman as they grieve her death, mother of Patti Welsh

The family and friends of Carolyn Jackson as they grieve her death, daughter of Geraldine Jackson, friend of CLC

The family and friends of James Lowe as they grieve his death, friend of the Williams family

The family and friends of Marc Pelych as they grieve his death, friend of the Williams family

The family and friends of Barbara Wynne as they grieve her death, friend of Laurie Hart

The family and friends of Caroline Childs as they grieve her death, mother of Ed Childs

The family and friends of Pastor Arlene Greenwald as they grieve her death, friend of Pastor Sellers

The family and friends of Jake Strohleim as they grieve his death, neighbors of The Swanson Family

Please Pray for:

Lucille Jacoby, sister of Ted Knauss
Heather Johnson-McNutt

Frank & Elva Keenan
Dorthea Landis
Geyahna Medwatz, friend of Bev Stover &
 Souderton Men's Chorus
Those affected by gun violence
Those affected by natural disasters
Scott Appel, relative of Steph Sharkey
Doug Bailey, friend of CLC
Pauline Baymor, mother of Mike Baymor
Doris Bleam, aunt of Connie Baymor
Colleen Brown, sister-in-law of Chris Martin
Ron DeStefani
Betty Eastlack, sister of Shepherd's Shelf
 volunteer
Lou Farrell, friend of Pastor Sellers
Gary Faut
Collins Gibson, great niece of Pastor Sellers
Sandy Giza, sister of Kathy Benjamin
Deb & Dave Haberle, brother-in-law of Kathy
 Benjamin
Lisa Hall, relative of Connie Baymor
Tricia Hanna, friend of Dawn Baxter
John Hart, brother of Laurie Hart
Beth Hesley, friends of Jane & Dennis Sharkey
Charlie Hoffman
Val Holzhauer, friend of Karen Johnson
Bryan Hoover, friend of Ed Lightkep
Charlotte Kenreich, step-mom of Karolin
 Brechtbill
Ed LaFonde, family member of Karolin Brechtbill
Declan McGovern, nephew of Courtney Katz
Brock McMahon, cousin of Allison Healy
Sherri Moyer, friend of Karen Williams
Colin Murray, friend of Ed Lightkep & Deb
 Freece
Michael Noble
Fred Nocera, brother of Diane West
Matthew Page, friend of Linda N. Landis
Donna Parks
Coale Peace, grandnephew of Deb Freece
Collleen Peterson
Kim Pople, cousin of Steve Houseal
Ava Reicher, granddaughter of Dottie Elliott
Trevor Rentzel, friend of Karen Williams

Charlotte Schick
Petey Schlatter, friend of Deb Freece
Karl Scholz
Craig Schwartz, neighbors of the
 Baymors
Ernestine Shofran, friend of Laurie Hart
Randy Smith
Harvey Spanier, friend of Laurie Hart
Harry Stover
Jakob Strohl
Carole Ann Vogel, friend of Lynne Martino
Pastor Erika Wesch, friend of Pastor Sellers
Dave Williams
Kris Williams, sister of Karolin Brechtbill
Tom Wolfe, father of Greg Wolfe
Ruth Ann Worrell, sister of Rick Metz
Dottie Wynne, sister of Laurie Hart
Steve Young, relative of Julie Munden
Military:
Specialist Joe Shiflett, in VA, fiancé of Sara
 Mathe
CTT2 Amanda Milus stationed at naval base
 San Diego, CA, niece of John & Carole
 Stoler
Sgt. Samantha Stoler, stationed at Ft.
 Stewart, GA
Capt. Garrett Knauss, U.S. Marines,
 stationed in Cherry Point, NC,
 grandson of Bonnie & Ted Knauss
Maj. Chuck Richards, USAF, deployed
 unknown, son of Beth & Steve Richards
Sgt. Jonathan Bloss, grandson of Mary
 Reinoehl, stationed in Misawa, Aomori,
 Japan with his family
Col. Mike, friend of Jane Dettra
Chris, now serving with the US Security Force in
 Baghdad, friend of Jane Dettra
Stephen Elmer, friend of Jane Dettra
Jon Kohl & family: neighbor of the Johnson &
 Gerlach families, friend of Amanda West

Birthdays and Anniversaries

For This Week

Jamie Mathe – 03/31 Alex Rush – 04/02
Jack O'Neill – 04/03 Bruce Elliott – 04/04

Kaelin Landis – 04/04 Morgan Strohl – 04/04

Bruce & Dottie Elliott – 04/05 – 55 years

Lay assistants for this week – 3/31/24

9:00am Service

Lay Reader: Gary Johnson-McNutt

Ushers: Cory Brechbill

Greeter: Lis DeLong

Sound Board: Dann Stephens

Camera: Marlys Thomas

10:30am Service

Lay Reader: Karolin Brechbill

Ushers: Jim Keyser

Greeter: Lis DeLong

Sound Board: Scott Swindells

Lay assistants for next week – 4/7/24

9:00am Service

Lay Reader: Jack Schlossman

Ushers: Cory Brechbill

Communion Assistants: choir members

Greeter: Ginny Ward

Sound Board: Skip Dodge

Camera: Andrew Dodge

10:30am Service

Lay Reader: Lisa DeLong

Ushers: Steve Landis

Greeter: Ginny Ward

Sound Board: John Stoler

Attendance: 3/24 9:00am – 51 in-person, 11
live on-line; 10:30am – 53 in-person



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