



Soup and Prayers Schedule

Lenten Soup and Prayers will be held each Thursday night in the Family Room during Lent.

Please mark your calendar for March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25 at 6:00pm for a delicious soup and bread supper followed by a Lenten Program.

Chapel News


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Christ Lutheran's March 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p> 	<p>1 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Mentor's Meeting (OB) 7:00pm</p>	<p>2 Pastor's Bible Study (River Edge) 10:00am NCD Health Team (OB) 7:00pm Pre-Marital Meeting (PA) 7:00pm</p>	<p>3 ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>4 Worship Service at Dell Ridge Nursing Home 1:30 pm Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (CH)</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Crochet and Knitting Group (OB) 10:00am</p> 
	<p>7</p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time begins Family Worship Service, Sunday School and Bible & Me Class (CH) 9:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>8 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Mentor's Meeting (OB) 7:00pm Chapel News deadline</p>	<p>9 Pastor's Bible Study (River Edge) 10:00am Pre-Marital Meeting (PA) 7:00pm</p>	<p>10 ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (CH)</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>14 Fourth Sunday in Lent Family Worship Service and Sunday School (CH) 9:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Baptism of Luke Hamilton Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>15 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Martha Circle (OB) 9:30am Endowment Meeting (OB) 7:00pm Council Meeting (OB) 7:45pm</p>	<p>16 Pastor's Bible Study (River Edge) 10:00am Mentor's Meeting (OB) 7:00pm</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (CH)</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Crochet and Knitting Group (OB) 10:00am</p>  <p>Conference on Congregational Ministries (Hamilton, NJ)</p>
<p>21 Fifth Sunday in Lent Family Worship Service and Sunday School (CH) 9:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Bring a Friend Sunday Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p> 	<p>22 <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Mentor's Meeting (OB) 7:00pm</p>	<p>23 Pastor's Bible Study (River Edge) 10:00am</p>	<p>24 ESL Intermediate (FR) 9:30am Staff Meeting (OB) 10:00am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 6:00pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Annual Spruce Up Day 9:00am-12:00pm Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm (CH)</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Palm Sunday Family Worship Service and Sunday School (CH) 9:00am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>29 Holy Week <i>Pastor Kent's day off</i> Prayers with Holy Communion (CH) 7:00pm</p>	<p>30 Holy Week Prayers with Holy Communion (CH) 7:00pm</p>	<p>31 Holy Week Prayers with Holy Communion (CH) 7:00pm</p>	<p>April</p>		<p>1 Holy Week Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Dell Ridge Nursing Home 1:30 pm Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm</p> 
					<p>2 Holy Week Good Friday Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm</p>	<p>3</p>

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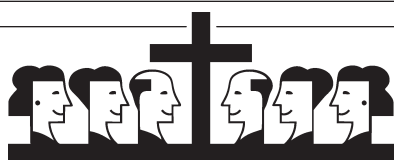
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Easter Breakfast April 4, 2010

Plan to enjoy Easter Breakfast here at Christ Lutheran. There will be a delicious full breakfast between the servies. Bring the whole family!



The Shepherd Committee is asking for donations of your discarded coupons. We will be sending these coupons overseas to US Army, Air Force, or Navy bases for use at their commissary and base stores. We've already had such a great response that the Coupon Clippers have been fast at work. Thanks for your help.



UPDATE

Thanks to Christ Lutheran's Coupon Clippers and Sorters, below shows how much has been sent in coupons and to what military bases:

Aug. 21	\$3,700 US Army Base, Schweinfurt, Germany	Nov. 16	\$9,231 US Navy, Sigonella, Sicily
Sept. 17	\$6,460 Navy FSC, Sasebo, Japan	Dec. 28	\$7,136 US Air Force, Okinawa, Japan
Oct. 2	\$2,700 US Army Base, Schweinfurt, Germany	Jan. 22	\$7,433 US Navy, Gaeta, Italy
Oct. 14	\$8,685 US Navy, Rota, Spain	Feb. 19	\$9348.00 US Navy, Yokosuka, Japan
			Keep 'em coming!



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is Fat Tuesday. Just finished shoveling the driveway. Check. Went to Pastor's Bible Study this morning. Check. Edited a sermon for Chapel News. Check. Wrote my sermon for tomorrow night's service. Check. Edited the notebook for the 8 am Ashes service and the 1:30 service at Dell Ridge. Check. Responded to some emails, made some phone calls. Check. Check.

How was your day? If you are like me, the response is often based on how much we got done that day – how many items were “checked off.” More checks means a good day.

But not everyone measures their days like that. For some, a good day means they survived another 24 hours, maybe because of an illness they are fighting or because they are struggling to regain their future after the loss of a loved one. For some, a good day means they earned enough to feed their family that night and a really good day means they have enough to put toward the rent – either for next month or last month. For some, a good day means they were clean for another 24 hours, staying away from the bottle or the needle. For some a good day means they were able to get out of bed that morning and function at least relatively normally. For some, a good day means they weren't bullied in school. For some it means their spouse didn't beat them again.

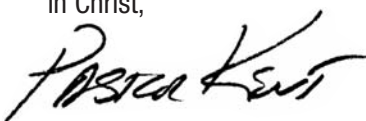
There are lots of definitions of what a good day is. And most of them make measuring the day by “how much I checked off” look pretty silly.

So for Lent I have been trying to measure my day differently. I try to measure the blessings that God has given to me. A new day to live and love and experience and be blessed is always the first one. And when you look for them, they come in abundance. The opportunity to share fellowship in Pastor's Bible study, the beauty of the new fallen snow, sharing God's word in sermons, praying with a parishioner in need, setting up a meeting to plan a baptism, being able to arrange counseling or assistance: these, and more, are all blessings from God.

And so is surviving another day, or having someone hold your hand as you struggle to go on, or staying clean, or helping someone put food on the table. It is praying for those for whom each day is a challenge and standing with them and reminding them that God stands with us all. These are all blessings as well. For the blessing comes in sharing what we have and who we are, as we grow in the awareness of God's presence with us and through us.

God's blessings are there in abundance. Look for them. Count them if you can. It will be a great day!

in Christ,



Pastor Kent



This Month in Worship

*Every Sunday is special
because God is with us!*

- March 7 Daylight Saving Time Change
- March 14 Baptism of Luke Hamilton
- March 21 Bring a Friend Sunday
- March 28 Palm Sunday



Helen Abt, Dot Appleheimer, Diana Arnote, Nancy Baisley, Colleen Bartlett, Ralph Braun, Barbara Coccaro, Rose Denicola, Kerry Doherty, Keith Drake, Sheila Feldman and Family, Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, John Frielink, Gloria Galifione, Stephen Gerhardt, Elsie Golden, Susan Jaichner, Peter Kelly, Josephine Kempf, Jennifer Kruk, Walter Kruk, Marie Lupinski, Claudia Malek, Joseph Marone, Valerie Martin, Arlene McDonough, Edith Michael, The Minasian Family, Ann Muccio, Emma and Richard Murphy, Aiden Nolan, Tony Paradiso, Dovetta Pollitt, Don Porterfield, Jessy Rajavelu, Joan Rogers, Maria Massel Rosato, Marie Santhouse, Helene Schaefer, Gerd Schubert, Joan Sroka, Ron Svarney, Ginny and Keith Taylor, Marge Tomaselli, Betty Tuthill, Helen Wisneski, Eleanor Witte, Clara Zeman and Anna Zweil

And those serving in the military;

Bill Abrahamsen, Kyle Clements, Lee Diaz, Ralph Fiorelli, Brian Fleming, Robert Mueller, Derek Romano, Daniel Trabal and Tyson Wood

And those who can't always be with us;

Eleanora Frankle and Bill Tiedemann

Pastor Kent's Sermon January 24, 2010

First Reading was from 1st Corinthians using the theme of a Rainbow

The rainbow reading was based on the writing of a man named Paul. Paul was an Apostle – a word that means “messenger”; think of him as a missionary. Paul lived 2000 years ago. He had a conversion and became a follower of Jesus, and went around the area of Turkey and Greece and Italy planting churches. One of those churches was in the town in western Turkey called Corinth and the people who lived there were called Corinthians. Paul established a church there, and then moved on, but he would write letters to that church, and others he founded to help them grow and stay focused on their mission. We know of two letters he wrote to the church in Corinth. They are in our Bible and we call them 1st and 2nd Corinthians.

That church in Corinth needed Paul's help. They were a divided church. They were having trouble understanding what it meant to live as Christians. One of the problems they were dealing with was that some people in the church thought they were better than others and some of those people agreed with them! Some people thought they were better Christians, with more and special gifts and so they thought they should have a greater voice in the church. I am sure that made for some interesting council meetings!

Paul writes to tell them to stop bickering, and the way he does it is interesting and informative: he could have just said, “Play nice,” but he does more – he reminds them who – and what – they are.

Paul did not use the image of the rainbow as we did today. Paul used the image of a human body and of the various parts that make up that body. That's a good image – you don't get to wave streamers and shout when you use that one, though – but we'll go back to Paul's image to make his point.

A body has many parts – hands and feet, ears and eyes and noses – and each part is needed for the whole body to function. And we – Paul says – are all members of the body of Christ, which is the church. He tells the people in Corinth that every one of them is needed – just like each part of the body is needed. Each one has gifts that are needed by the church to survive and to grow. Each one has been placed there by God for a reason. Each one has something the church needs. Each one has a role in the success and growth of the church.

Paul makes this point in two ways: First, all are needed, and that means no one can say they are not important. Each one of you is important to God, and important to this church, and has been brought here because you have something

God needs for you to do here. Just because your gift is different from someone else's does not mean you are less important to God and to the work God has for us. And that means we can't back off and say, “God doesn't need me” and look to others to do the work. It would be as if your eye decided it was not needed and thought the ear could handle things just fine. Or the foot decided it had done enough work and so would quit and let the hand take it from here on.

We are called to work together and that means each one has a part and each one has a contribution and each one has a responsibility. And the body – the church – does not work unless all the parts work together.

The other side of Paul's point is that those who have particular gifts cannot say that the other gifts are unnecessary or of lesser value. The nose can not tell the ear it is not needed and the hand can not exclude the feet from doing their work. It is God who determines the value of each part and its contribution to the work of the body. We are called to do our part and also to help others do their part and not to criticize when they do it differently or not as well as we think they should.

These two parts of Paul's message are related. When one of us thinks more highly of ourselves it discourages those who think less of themselves and both hurt the body – the church. Paul tells the people in Corinth to support one another and especially to lift up the ones who seem the lesser, so that the whole church – the whole body – the body of Christ – is lifted up.

For that is where Paul is leading us – to remind us who we are and what we are. We – the church – this church – are the body of Christ. We are called to do the work of Christ but also to **BE** Christ in the world. In our baptism we are brought into the church and united with the other baptized to be the presence of the living God. When we fail to use the gifts we have been given – or when we denigrate the gifts of others – we not only divide the church, but also Christ.

Being Christ in the world is an awesome responsibility that takes the work of all of those God has called here and it takes the support of each one – for the other – to lift up the mission so that God's will is done. God has provided all we need to do the work God would have us do. In Christ we cannot fail, but divided we cannot succeed.

The church in Corinth got off track because they forgot who they were – forgot they were God's chosen people in that place, called to be Christ. We, too, can forget who we are and drift away from reliance on the one who brought us here. But God would call us back to focus again on being the church – the Body of Christ. God does that. And with God, we can be what God would have us be. Thanks be to God. Amen



Are You Planning to Attend College or an Advanced (Post High School) Training Program?

If you are an active member of Christ Lutheran Church and will be furthering your education (undergraduate, graduate, technical or trade school) this fall, you may be eligible to apply for the Reverend Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaat Memorial Scholarship.

Please stop by or contact the Church Office for the application. Applications are due on April 15, 2010, and applicants will be considered based on church activity, community activity, and academic achievement.



- Thomas Carman**
March 2
- Kathy Chalmers**
March 5
- Allyson L'Abbate**
March 6
- Monica Prabudoss**
March 6
- Phil Keller**
March 13
- Patty Chalmers**
March 17
- Jill Hamilton**
March 18
- Bob Ehlers**
March 19
- Joan Seilheimer**
March 21
- Charles Sakala**
March 22

MARCH

Lay Assistant/Acolyte/Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

March 7 10:30am	March 14 10:30am	March 21 10:30am	Palm Sunday March 28 10:30am
Lay Assistant Pam Sakala	Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen	Lay Assistant Bob Denicola	Lay Assistant Charly Wells
Acolyte Sean Larkin	Acolyte Jimmy Chalmers	Acolyte Corinne Sakala	Acolyte Malory Pascarella
Usher Bonna Kennedy/Corinne Sakala	Usher Bonna Kennedy	Usher Linda Polise	Usher Wai Kai Soong
Altar Guild Lore Braun	Altar Guild Linda Polise	Altar Guild Dolores Brickman	Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli



Annual Spruce Up Day

Please come out and help spruce up our church in time for Holy Week. We will be washing windows, polishing pews, tidying the grounds, and cleaning up. If you notice a specific item that needs attention, please leave a message at the office so we can attend to it.

**Thursday, March 25
9:00am — 12pm.** Hope to see you there!