

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
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March 2024 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org



Our theme this year is “The Way of the Cross”. Each Wednesday during Lent, we will have a meal that starts at 6:15pm and a short worship service that starts at 7:00. For worship we’ll be using a liturgy called “Prayer Around the Cross” and they will have a very different feel than our normal Sunday worship services – quieter, darker, acoustic, more contemplative – as we

explore deep questions surrounding the cross like: Why did Jesus have to die on a cross? How does the cross save us? What does the cross mean for us today and how can we follow Jesus in the way of the cross?

If you were not here on Ash Wednesday, you can now pick up two gifts: a devotional to use throughout Lent and a cross for you to carry with you.

Meal Schedule:

3/6 Potato Bar

3/13 Potluck

3/20 Taco Bar

There are now sign-ups at the Opportunity Table for what you can contribute to the shared meal.

Winter Worship Schedule

9:00 AM- Contemporary Worship
10:15 AM- Sunday School
11:00 AM- Traditional Worship

Men's Breakfast

We will be at our usual location, Auntie C's at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 9th for some good food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Donn Bischoff at 209-2138.

Quilt Day

Our next Quilt day will be on March 5th at 9:00 am. For questions, contact: Janice Cross 260-4282 (h) or 519-4776 (c)

This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. They meet once a month and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



2024 Bookkeepers Report



| | January | YTD | Rolling 12 |
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| | 2024 | 2024 | Months YTD |
| Receipts | \$37,620.81 | \$37,620.81 | \$227,884.43 |
| Expenses | \$20,923.90 | \$20,923.90 | \$235,342.84 |
| Variance | \$16,696.91 | \$16,696.91 | (\$7,458.41) |

Respectfully Submitted, **Alan Wondra**



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For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at mbgarrelts@cox.net

Thank you to Pastor Chad and the Prayer Chain prayers, get-well cards and words of encouragement from phone calls helped get both of us through this sudden, unpleasant way to have to spend my birthday recovering from surgery but I'm recovering now and hope to be back worshipping with all of you.
- Joe and Sandra Raleigh



CAMP TOMAH SHINGA – some funds needed!

Camp Tomah Shinga currently has a financial need of \$3000 to replace 2 water heaters that have gone bad in some of the cabins. They have free labor for installation, but are looking for congregations & folks to help offset these sudden expenses. If you would like to donate to this effort, please place your money in the offering plate and mark it “Camp Tomah Shinga.” Thank you so much!



MEAL TRAIN PREPARING TO LEAVE THE STATION!

It looks as if Elaine & Warren Miller will be returning home from rehab around March 19th. They have been gone a long time as Elaine has been recovering after her stroke & accident. They will also need some support once they do return home, and that's where we come in as the Church! We will be setting up a Meal Train to provide some homecooked meals for them to help ease the transition back to independence and a new normal. We will likely be looking for people to create meals, freeze them, and then leave them here at church so that someone from the Mt. Hope area can deliver them. As that arrival date gets closer, we will release more details and organize a schedule. For now, we are simply looking for people to sign up who are willing to help and be put on the schedule to provide a meal. If you would like to be added to this list, please mark the Tear-Off. Thank you!



Want to join a book club?

Parish Education will be trying something new this year! About every 3-4 months we will be reading a book and having a gathering at church to discuss it. The first book will be *The Garden Within* by Dr. Anita Phillips. She combines faith, neurobiology, and her own research as a minister and therapist to discuss the topic of mental health. Dr. Anita Phillips holds multiple degrees with a postdoctoral fellowship at the John's Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. If you're interested in mental health, looking for a new book to read, or just excited to participate in something new at church, we hope you'll join us! Please have the book read and ready to discuss by March 19th. We will gather at 6pm for a meal and discussion. See you then!



-Kelsey Helmick

In Search Of: WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Are you wanting to assist with worship services? We are currently in need of an early service altar guild volunteer and a late service soundboard volunteer. Please mark the tear-off if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.



Thank you!

Creation Care Team

It was great to see everyone who came to the first Creation Care Team meeting! We will have a meeting after late service on

March 10th to finalize plans for planting pollinator flowers and plants. Anyone is welcome to come! We chose Creation Care Team as the name for this new group.



CREATION
CARE TEAM

The church council approved the Congregational Care-for-Creation Covenant on February 12th so we can be a part of LutheransRestoringCreation. I will put a copy of the covenant on the bulletin board closest to the front doors.

I have been communicating with master gardeners at the Sedgwick County extension office and they have been very helpful with giving me information on what plants to use and how to prepare the soil. Please let me know if you are interested in this information.

-Rosie Harder



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

New Christ in Our Home daily devotionals are now available in the lobby under the bulletin board. These devotionals are for April, May & June. If you still want March's devotional, we have some in the office.



NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FORMING!

If you're a guy & you've got some time during the day, you're gonna want to get in on this!

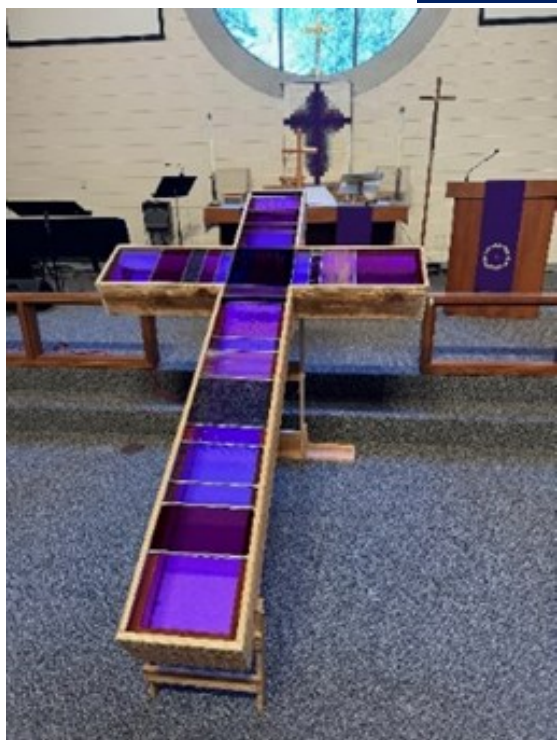
There is a new Men's Bible Study that is forming and will be meeting twice/month. They plan to meet at church on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 10:30am. The plan is to meet



MEN'S
BIBLE STUDY

for about an hour or so and take a look at the passages that will be used in the upcoming worship services. This study is being put together by Alan Schmidt, Jim Garrelts & Alan Wondra, and they are welcoming any and all guys who'd like to join in the conversation & study. **The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 10:30.** You can just show up and/or mark the Tear-off if you're interested. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU!



A special thanks goes out to **Brian Pressnall** for creating this beautiful cross that we will be using throughout Lent this year. He spent many hours designing & creating it, and we really appreciate all his hard work. This cross will serve as a meaningful focal point as we think about our Lenten theme, "The Way of the Cross."

JUSTICE TOGETHER MEETING – THIS WEEK!

We are having a short 45-minute Justice Together meeting this **Wednesday, March 6**, after our Lenten worship service. Exciting things have been happening with our justice ministry across the city, especially with our Research Teams. They have been meeting with officials, groups, advocates, organizations, and experts about the two issues that we voted on as our biggest justice concerns: homelessness & mental illness. At this meeting on Wednesday, we will get some important updates about what the Research Teams have discovered, how they are narrowing down & defining the specific problems we need to address, and get some previews as to the solutions that we will be proposing to our city/county leaders at our Nehemiah Action on Thursday, May 9th. Whether or not you've been involved with our justice ministry to this point, you are encouraged to hang around after worship on Wednesday and hear these important updates!

ATONEMENT THEORIES?

Have you ever heard of these before? Do you know what atonement is? (Answer: it is *how* God saves us and puts our brokenness back together again, making us *at one* with God again.) On Wednesday evenings, Pastor Chad is going through different atonement theories that the Church has developed through the centuries and asking important questions of them, like “What does this say about the nature of God?”, “What is this saying about how we should live as Christians?”, and “What are some strengths & weaknesses of each theory?” So far, we have covered Ransom Theory, Satisfaction Theory, and Penal Substitution Theory. It sounds all complicated & theological, but he's trying to break it down and even the kids are getting good stuff out of it. We'll learn about a couple more theories this week! Join us on Wednesday for the meal at 6:15, and the worship service at 7:00pm.



Opportunity to Serve God for All Ages!

@ St. Paul's Breakfast March 22 & 23

Saturday, March 23rd is our Saturday to serve breakfast to persons experiencing homelessness in Wichita, and we will be gathering the evening before to prepare a meal of breakfast burritos. We need help!



On **Friday, March 22**, we will gather at **Christ Lutheran** about **5:30pm** to start making the breakfast burritos & prepare everything.

On Saturday, **March 23**, we will gather at **St. Paul's Lutheran (925 N. Waco)** between **7:00-7:30am** in order to serve the breakfast. We will likely be wrapped up by 9:30 or 10:00am. This is a great opportunity for families & individuals to serve others. It's also a great way to get to know other folks in the congregation. We will need people to donate cinnamon rolls, sweetbreads & donuts on Saturday morning.

If you can help, please mark the Tear-off. If you have questions or want to learn more about it, you can call or text Rich Harder at 737-2329. Thank you so much!



ARTWORK IN HALLWAY

If you get a chance, check out the artwork hanging in the hallway near the front door. Along the wall are pictures of Jesus' crucifixion from around the world. These pictures show us the diversity of Christianity and reveal the universality of our faith. The one pictured here is an icon from the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. As you look at the various pieces of art, ask yourselves these questions:

- What is unique or special about this picture of Jesus on the cross?
- Is there anything you find comforting or uncomfortable about this piece?
- How does this depiction ring true or untrue to your understanding of the Easter story?
- What might this artist be trying to communicate through their art?
- What common symbols do you notice in the various pictures?
- Did any of them surprise you?
- Which one is your favorite?
- How do you feel after viewing the variety of images?



March Human Needs Collection:

Camp Tomah Shinga

Thanks so much for the food donations and



noisy offerings for February! We sent \$300 to the Kansas Food Bank to help with Food 4 Kids. The March collection is for

Camp Tomah

Shinga. Please see the

wish list on The Human Needs Bulletin Board if you choose to purchase something or give money to noisy offering and/or the designated need for new water heaters.

Want to shop online?

Visit:

camptomahshinga.com

Look for Amazon Wish List

Items on the Wish List:

- Magnetic nametags (1" x 3") with reusable tags
 - Multi colored tissue paper
 - Fall colors tissue paper
- 9" x 12" heavy duty construction paper in variety of colors
 - Acrylic paint brushes for crafts
 - Acrylic paint set
 - 30 cup coffee urn
 - Reusable plastic food storage containers with lids (microwave and dishwasher safe)
 - 36" standard (hoola) hoops
 - Plaster of Paris in 5# bags
- 24" x 16" black washable bath rugs with non-slip back (needs 4)
- 10 gallon Igloo Sports Cooler Water Beverage Dispenser with flat seat lid (need 3)
- Off Outdoor Insect and Mosquito Repellant Fogger



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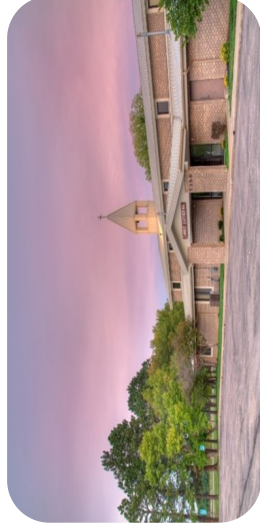
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 Kelsey Helmick
 Becky Dykstra
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Secretary

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 Alan Wondra
 Mary Garrelts
 Kali Mills

Staff Relations Committee

Council
Staff
Pastor

Mallory Fowler
 David Lechner
 Forrest Ehrke

March Worship Volunteers

| Date | Time | Usher | Greeters | PPT | Soundboard | Leader | Reader | Goodies | Altar Guild | Tellers/Offering |
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| 3/3 | 9:00 | Justin Clouse | Landon Clouse | Andrew Clouse | Jim Garrelts | Caden Howell | Robin Pressnall | Mary Garrelts | Janet Miller | Donn B & Becky D |
| | 11:00 | Ben Gibbs | Taylor Cook | Paige Gibbs | Courtlynn Dykstra | Donn Bischoff | Shannon Banta | Jamie Gibbs | Dionne Becker | |
| 3/10 | 9:00 | Landon Clouse | Justin Clouse | Noah Miller | Jim Garrelts | Alan Wondra | Lantana Howell | Jo & Audry | Barnhills | Donn B & Bonnie J |
| | 11:00 | Paul Shaw | Bobby Smyser | Maynard Peterson | NEED ONE | Casey Dykstra | Steve Slipsager | Bonnie Johnson | Entwisles | |
| 3/17 | 9:00 | Andrew Clouse | Landon Clouse | Justin Clouse | Jim Garrelts | Mary Garrelts | Julie Stiebner | Kari Clouse | Janet Miller | Donn B & Paul S |
| | 11:00 | Rich Harder | Becky Dykstra | Abby Banta | Courtlynn Dykstra | Bonnie Johnson | Jean Beal | Kelsey Helmick | Deb Bischoff | |
| 3/24 | 9:00 | Bradlee Howell | Justin Clouse | Landon Clouse | Jim Garrelts | Caden Howell | Kari Clouse | Mary Garrelts | Barnhills | Donn B & Jamie G |
| | 11:00 | Donn Bischoff | Connie Schlatter | Casey Dykstra | Matt Becker | Maynard Peterson | Ben Gibbs | Deb Bischoff | Carol Dooley | |
| 3/31 | 9:00 | Justin Clouse | Landon Clouse | Mary Garrelts | Jim Garrelts | Alan Wondra | Andrew Clouse | Jo & Audry | Bischoff | |
| | 11:00 | Bobby Smyser | Paul Shaw | Paige Gibbs | Courtlynn Dykstra | Donn Bischoff | Rosie Harder | Jamie Gibbs | Bischoff | |

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| 3 | 4 | 5 Quilters 9 AM  | 6 Lenten Dinner 6:15 PM Lenten Worship 7 PM Justice Together Meeting 7:45 PM | 7 | 8 | 9 Men's Breakfast 8 AM  |
| 10 Daylight Savings Creation Care Meeting 12 PM | 11 Council 6 PM  | 12 Worship @ Shepherd's Crossing 9:30 AM  | 13 Lenten Dinner 6:15 PM Lenten Worship 7 PM | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19 Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Book Club 6 PM | 20 Lenten Dinner 6:15 PM Lenten Worship 7 PM | 21 Justice Together Clergy Caucus @ CLC 9 AM | 22 5:00pm St. Paul's Breakfast Prep | 23 7:00am St. Paul's Breakfast  |
| 24 Palm Sunday <hr/> 31 Happy Easter! | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Maundy Thursday 7 PM | 29 Good Friday 7 PM | 30 |



March Birthdays

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| Friday, March 1– Lauren Clifton | Friday, March 1– Heather Boyce | Saturday, March 2– Marissa Joiner |
| Tuesday, March 5– Robin Pressnall | Thursday, March 7– Lois Jensen | Monday, March 11– Warren Miller |
| Tuesday, March 12– Laura Lechner | Thursday, March 14– Gordon Jones | Sunday, March 17– Kinley Thompson |
| Tuesday, March 19– Madison Ketchum | Wednesday, March 20– Melissa Stanton | Monday, March 25– Elaine Miller |
| Wednesday, March 27– Jon Stiebner | Sunday, March 31– Freyja Carlstedt | Sunday, March 31– Monica Spicer |

March Anniversaries



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| Thursday, March 7– Thomas & Christina Vingerud | Sunday, March 10– David & Laura Lechner | Wednesday, March 20– Terry & Darinda Leonard |
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March Baptism Anniversaries

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| Friday, March 1– Rich Harder | Wednesday, March 6– Deb Bischoff | Friday, March 8– Rosie Harder |
| Wednesday, March 20– Kristina Hysell | Wednesday, March 20– Lucas Lechner | Friday, March 22– Carl Mertins |
| Monday, March 25– Jim Garrelts | Tuesday, March 26– Alex Baden | Wednesday, March 27– Becky Dykstra |
| Wednesday, March 27– Sarah Serio | Wednesday, March 27– Casey Dykstra | Wednesday, March 27– Courtlynn Dykstra |
| Wednesday, March 27– Kevin Dykstra | Wednesday, March 27– Steve Peacock | Friday, March 29– Rosalie Schmidt |
| Friday, March 29– Carol Jones | Friday, March 29– Laurie Anderson | Sunday, March 31– Cindy Thompson |

