

The Messenger

Christ Lutheran
Church
5356 N. Hillside
Wichita, KS
67219



April 2024 Newsletter

Contact us at office@Christ-Lutheran.org

Holy Week at Christ Lutheran

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00pm



March 29 Good Friday

Worship at 7:00pm



March 31 Easter Sunday

Worship at 9:00 & 11:00am

Egg Hunt at 10:15am



Spring 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, April 13th 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 April 2nd 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



	February 2024	YTD 2024	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$18,791.15	\$56,411.96	\$230,080.37
Expenses	\$19,487.48	\$40,411.38	\$237,423.46
Variance	-\$696.33	\$16,000.58	(\$7,343.09)



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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.



EASTER TRADITIONS

This year, we will continue some important Easter Traditions here at Christ Lutheran, including:



Flowering the Cross – Each person/family is invited to bring fresh cut flowers from home to decorate the cross in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, we will each hammer a nail into the cross, and then on Easter Sunday, those same nails are used to hold the flowers, symbolizing the new life that Jesus gives us at his resurrection. Don't worry if you forget to bring flowers, we'll have plenty extra on hand, just in case.

Easter Egg Hunt – This event for the children will begin in the sanctuary at 10:15am. Each child who comes will be able to fill their baskets full of candy-stuffed eggs to celebrate.

Sweetbreads & Cinnamon Rolls – While we don't do a big Easter brunch, we do invite folks to bring extra goodies, sweet breads, cinnamon rolls, juice, or anything else you'd like to share after or between services. There will be no Sunday school. The time between services is for the egg hunt and fellowship among friends. You are encouraged to bring something to share.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Lilies for our Easter celebrations! You may take your plant (s) home after Easter Sunday worship service. We appreciate: Steve & Jeannene Schweitzer, Juanita Freed, Jim & Mary Garrelts, Maynard & Dorothy Peterson, Terry & Darinda Leonard, Andy & Christie Hentzen, Rich & Rosie Harder, Chad & Lynde Langdon, Steve & Gloria Peacock, Nick & Alisa Baden, Jo Doerneman & Audry Brungardt, Matt & Dionne Becker, Donn & Deborah Bischoff, Russ & Shannon Banta



Ever find Jesus in a place you'd least expect? During this Easter season, be on the lookout for Jesus. Mary Magdalene also found Jesus in a place she least expected. This lesson has been taught to our youngest Sunday school class and they have helped hide little Jesuses everywhere around church. If you happen to stumble upon him, take him home or share him with a friend. This Easter, a little Jesus goes a long way.



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, goodies person, and a late service soundboard volunteer. Please mark the tear-off if you are interested in

this volunteer opportunity.

Thank you!

Work Day Thanks

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Creation Care Team work day on March 16! A special thanks to Paul & Kenny Shaw for buying sand and delivering it to church! We mixed topsoil from the garden area, sand and compost to prepare for planting pollinator plants and flowers in a raised bed. Weather permitting, we will plant on April 21 in remembrance of Earth Day on April 22.



Others participating were Nick & Alisa Baden, Zoey & Alex, Maynard & Dorothy Peterson, Mary Garrelts, and Rich & I. Alisa also did some organizing in the shed and we did some clean up there. Mary is plotting out some areas by the prayer labyrinth to add flowers to.

If you have any perennial flowers you are dividing this year please consider donating some to church and we will try to find a good place to plant them.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped provide food for our Wednesday night Lenten dinners & services. Please say a special thank you to Bonnie Johnson & Phil Ciholas, who always arrived early to set up and prepare the main part of the meal. Many churches have stopped doing extra Lenten services & meals for lack of interest & participation, but I am so

thankful that we have such a strong tradition here at Christ Lutheran! They are some of my favorite times of the year.

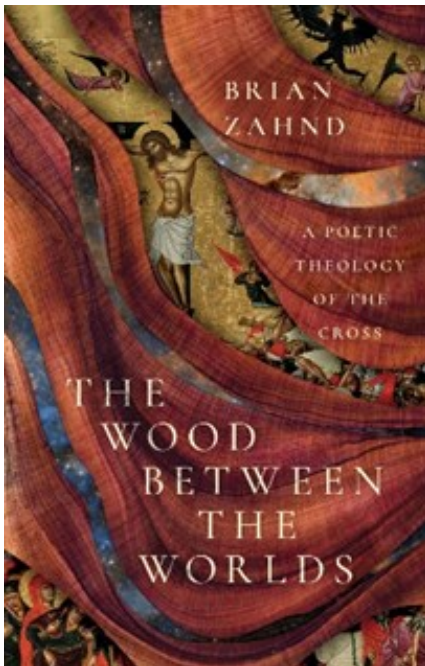
~Pastor Chad



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

During our Wednesday evening services throughout Lent, we explored different Christian atonement theories and thought about how it is that Jesus actually saves us through the cross. If you enjoyed that topic or would like to read more in order to deepen your faith & understanding of the cross, here are a couple resources that Pastor Chad used:

The Wood Between the Worlds by Brian Zahnd is a



recently published book with the subtitle, “a poetic theology of cross.” This is a beautiful book that comes at meaning of the cross using ancient and contemporary images, movies, artwork and symbols. It is available on Amazon.

Making Sense of the Cross by David Lose is published by Augsburg Fortress and is a great explanation of the different atonement theories and how they impact our faith and life today. It is available through www.augsburgfortress.org.



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

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 next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2nd at 10:30.** You can just show up and/or mark the Tear-off if you're interested. Hope to see you there!



MEN'S
BIBLE STUDY

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FUND

Christ Lutheran has a little Pastor's Emergency Fund set up so



that Pastor Chad can help people who call or come up to church looking for assistance. He uses these funds to purchase things like gas cards, Walmart gift cards, and motel rooms. Recently, he has been helping people with utility bills and motel rooms. This fund is getting a little bit low and

could use some replenishment. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please drop some money in the offering plate and mark it as "Pastor's Emergency Fund." Thank you!

JUSTICE TOGETHER – SOLUTIONS RALLY!

JUSTICE TOGETHER

Our next big justice event will be held on **Thursday, April 11th at 6:00pm**. It will be held at First United Methodist Church (339 N. Broadway). This will be a countywide gathering of all the congregations & participants, where we will hear a report from the Research Teams and a detailed plan for the solutions that we will be seeking. Our very own bishop, Bishop Susan Candea, of the Central States Synod, will be one of the featured speakers. The Research Teams (including Alan Wondra) have been hard at work since November identifying the underlying problems with mental illness & homelessness in our community, and they have come up with some strong, winnable, justice-oriented solutions. This is what we'll hear about on April 11th.

Our even bigger & more important Nehemiah Assembly will take place on Thursday, May 9th. Even if you can't make it to April's Solutions Rally, please plan to attend the Nehemiah Assembly on May 9th. That is the event where we need as many people as possible to show up. You can work for justice simply by being present and gathering with the other thousands of people of faith in our community working for justice. The more people we have attend, the bigger impact it will make!

JUSTICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

And for just a little foretaste, the Mental Health Committee identified three problems they feel we need to address. Here is their **Problems Statement**:

- **Gaps in Mobile Crisis Care** – Integrated Care Teams (ICTs) and Mobile Care Units (MCUs) from COMCARE are joint social work-law enforcement (or social work alone) teams that respond to individuals in crisis with a focus on treatment. ICTs & MCUs have proven to save money, give patients care on site, and provide a safe response compared to conventional law enforcement alone. However, ICTs are not available 24 hours/day, seven days/week in Sedgwick County/Wichita area.
- **Gaps in Psychiatric Care at COMCARE Crisis Center** – Clients in crisis taken to the COMCARE Crisis Center by ICTs & MCUs are unable to get psychiatric treatment 24 hours/day, seven days/week leaving them untreated and destabilized particularly on the weekends.
- **Inadequate Transportation for People with Mental Illness** – For those in treatment for mental illness in Sedgwick County, transportation creates a major barrier toward recovery. There is a program that was evaluated after one year, cost approximately \$900/month, provided free transportation to 15 people who met certain criteria (e.g. had a caseworker, desire to get treatment, etc.), and proved to be very successful.

To address these justice issues, here is the **Solutions Statement** that the Mental Health Committee will be presenting & working towards:

We seek a full commitment to access to mental health care and substance use disorder treatment in Sedgwick County, particularly for its most vulnerable residents, through:

- **Swift and fully resourced implementation for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model for COMCARE Community Crisis, including the staffing and facilities necessary for effective delivery of service, in order to increase access to care in the community.**
- **Continued implementation of a system of mental health crisis care that allows any Sedgwick County resident immediate access to appropriate care, allowing for diversion from emergency rooms and jail.**
- **Further support and coordination of transportation for those experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse and/or homelessness in order to increase their ability to follow through on their treatment and recovery plan.**

JUSTICE FOR HOMELESSNESS

The Homelessness Committee identified 2 priority problems to address related to homelessness in Wichita. Here is their **Problems Statement**:

- **Lack of Affordable Housing for the Homeless** – There is a lack of a comprehensive affordable housing plan with sustainable funding for those who are homeless in our community. When we fail to provide Affordable Housing for those experiencing homelessness or support for people at risk of homelessness, severely cost burdened households in poverty are more likely to experience unstable housing situations like evictions and people are unable to exit homelessness into safe, stable housing.
- **Lack of Identification** – Unhoused people who do not have IDs are unable to retrieve documentation required for access to critical services and basic necessities, i.e. benefits, assistance, library cards, and employment.

To address these justice issues, here is the **Solutions Statement** that the Homelessness Committee will be presenting & working towards:

Solution for the Lack of Affordable Housing for the Homeless:

- **To achieve Functional Zero in our community and provide people the dignity that they deserve, we support the utilization of a Housing First approach to ensure people experiencing homelessness have housing and wraparound supportive services to remove barriers to permanent housing, by advocating for fully funded operations of the Multi Agency Center with on campus housing.**

Solution to the Lack of Identification:

- **We recognize the sacred worth of all people and seek to provide dignity to our neighbors who are unhoused by providing access to photo identification through a Photo ID program in the Sedgwick County area to increase access to local services, employment, transportation, housing opportunities, and other services that improve quality of life.**

A Note from the Millers:

This evening we took down all the get well cards, Christmas cards, notes of encouragement, cards and letters that have helped sustain us during this part of our journey at On With Life. They represent hundreds, perhaps thousands of prayers offered on behalf of ourselves and our entire family – both immediate & extended. Care here has been truly outstanding and will be missed. We will also miss the many therapists that worked with us on this part of our



journey, and on preparing us for the next part of our journey as we transition home.

We especially hold dear in our hearts all the cards and prayers from our church family at Christ Lutheran. We also look forward to returning to church on Easter Sunday, after having been gone for almost 5 ½ months. God's blessings to all who have been on this journey with us. ***God is good!!!***



**In Christ our Lord,
*Warren & Elaine Miller***

CHURCH CAMP!



It's time to register for Church Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga. There are camps for 1st graders all the way up through seniors in high school, including Family Camp for all ages. Church Camp at Tomah Shinga includes:

- **Air-conditioned cabins & buildings**
- **Miles of hiking trails**
- **High ropes & low ropes**
- **Canoeing & creek-walking**
- **Bible studies & faith-based activities**
- **Less than 2 hours drive from Wichita**
- **An incredible staff of energetic counselors**



Christ Lutheran believes strongly in the ministry of Church Camp, and because of that, the church is willing to pay most of costs associated with attending Tomah Shinga. You pay the \$100 deposit, Christ Lutheran pays the rest. To register for camp or for more information, schedules, descriptions of the various camps, activities, etc. please visit their website:

www.camptomahshinga.com. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Chad. (And please let us know if you do register so we can pay the rest of the fees.)

CAMP
TOMAH SHINGA
KX3

TOUGH CAMPER

3K/5K OBSTACLE RUN
WITH A SERIES OF CHALLENGING OBSTACLES

SAT. APRIL 13, 2024 @ 8AM

*CHECK IN STARTS AT 7:15

CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

7821 E LYON CREEK RD JUNCTION CITY, KS

*LIMITED PARKING- PLEASE TRY TO CAR POOL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

*FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED AFTER THE RACE

*3K-\$50, 5K-\$65; REGISTRATION W/T-SHIRT

*PRIZES FOR TOP 3 FINISHERS!

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SHOW UP AT 7:00AM

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RUNNING COMPANY



REGISTER HERE OR AT
[HTTPS://REGISTER.CHRONOTRACK.COM/
R/78153](https://register.chronotrack.com/r/78153)

Trivia Night

Partners for Wichita
Fundraiser



Sign up now
for fun, festivities,
and a good cause!

Saturday, April 13,
2024

First Presbyterian Church
525 N. Broadway
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Trivia begins at 7 p.m.



It's Trivia Night time!

Find a group of 8!
Ask members of your congregation, your co-workers,
family, and friends.
Your team will collaborate and compete with other
teams for prizes and enjoy a great evening of fun!

Join us and our co-host - Pr. Chad Langdon-Pastor of
Christ Lutheran Church

Team of 8 (\$120 in advance)
or individually (\$20 each).
\$20 each at the door.

Email your registration form to
info@partnersforwichita.org.
Pay online at partnersforwichita.org,
under "Donate" select "Trivia Night".

Or register and pay by mail:
Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco,
Wichita, KS 67203.

Make check payable to:
Partners for Wichita with Trivia Night
noted in the memo.

For more information, contact info@partnersforwichita.org or (316) 263-1389.

Your participation will benefit Partners for Wichita including the
"Bags of Blessings," and more!

**April Human Needs Collection:
Members of Christ Lutheran Church
who are College Students**



**Care
Package**

**Items we are
collecting:**

- . **Beef jerky**
- . **Chips (small bags)**
- . **Popcorn**
- . **Candy bars**
- . **Rice Krispie treats**
- . **Protein or granola bars**
- . **Pretzels or party mix**
- . **Ready to eat soup/
ramen**
- . **Coffee singles**
- . **Individual drink
packets**



Nonfood Items:

- . Post it notes
- . Highlighters
- . Pens and pencils
- . Gift Cards for restaurants or grocery stores
- . Cash for gift cards



***Please bring items by Sunday, April 21 so that care packages can be mailed in time for end of semester exams.**

Our CLC College students include:

**Brett Albright
Noah Becker
Heather Boyce
Caleb Freed
Dale Smyser
Vivine Langdon
Kalie Brown**



Please let Pastor Chad know if you know of other CLC members who are college students.

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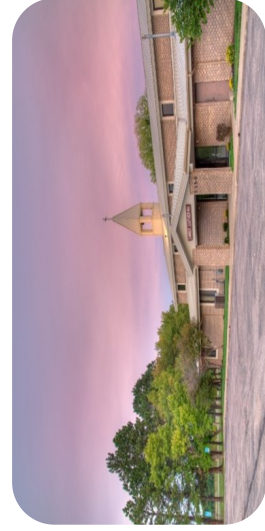
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Staff

Organist: Margaret Dietz
 Cantor/Choir Director: Jared Pector
 Custodians: Ivan & Judith Gonzalez
 Bookkeeper: Alan Wondra
 Parish Nurse: Mary Garrelts
 Secretary: Kali Mills

Council Staff: Mallory Fowler, David Lechner, Forrest Ehrnke

Staff Relations Committee



President: Brian Miller
 Vice President: Jim Garrelts
 Secretary: Mitch Neuschwander
 Treasurer: Alan Wondra
 Worship: Juanita Freed
 Human Needs: Rosie Harder
 Resource: Nick Baden
 Property Care: Bobby Smyser
 Parish Education: Kelsey Helmick
 Outreach: Becky Dykstra
 Youth: Emily Pector

April Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
4/7	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Andrew Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Robin Pressnall	Kari Clouse	Janet Miller	Donn B & Becky D
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Deb Bischoff	Paige Gibbs	Entwisles	Donn Bischoff	Shannon Banta	Bonnie Johnson	Schweitzers	
4/14	9:00	Andrew Clouse	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Caden Howell	Lantana Howell	Mary Garrelts	Barnhills	Donn B & Bonnie J
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Taylor Cook	Maynard Peterson	Gibbs	Casey Dykstra	Steve Slipsager	Kelsey Helmick	Deb Bischoff	
4/21	9:00	Bradlee Howell	Justin Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Jody Helton	Julie Stiebner	Jo & Audry	Janet Miller	Donn B & Paul S
	11:00	Rich Harder	Connie Schlatter	Abby Banta	Matt Becker	Jody Helton	Jean Beal	Deb Bischoff	Dionne Becker	
4/28	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Noah Miller	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Kari Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Barnhills	Donn B & Jamie G
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Kelsey Helmick	Casey Dykstra	Courtlynn Dykstra	Maynard Peterson	Rosie Harder	Jamie Gibbs	Emily Pector	

April 2024

Sun

Mon






Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>1 April Fools Day!</p>	<p>2 Quilters 9 AM Worship @ Shepherd's Crossing 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM</p>	<p>3 Youth Group 6:30 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Funeral for Rosalie Schmidt 11 AM </p>
<p>7 Baptism of Mason Callison </p>	<p>8 Council 6 PM Pastor Chad on Vacation [</p>	<p>9]</p>	<p>10 Falcon Fellowship 10:15 AM Confirmation 6:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Justice Together Solutions Assembly 6 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Men's Breakfast 8 AM </p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 Pastor Chad on Vacation [</p>	<p>16 Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM </p>	<p>17 NO Youth Group 6:30 PM]</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Confirmation 6:30 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Congregation Meeting 12 PM </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>				



April Birthdays

Tuesday, April 2– Stephanie Albright	Sunday, April 7– Kelsey Callison	Sunday, April 7– Clara Miller
Wednesday, April 10– Katie Thompson	Thursday, April 11– Karley Luper	Friday, April 12– Karen Wondra
Saturday, April 13– Brian Lechner	Saturday, April 13– Walker Patry	Sunday, April 14– Haley Smith
Sunday, April 14– Zoey Baden	Monday, April 15– Brittany Garrelts	Saturday, April 20– Bill Wenner
Saturday, April 20– Josephine Hysell	Tuesday, April 23– Bradlee Howell	Wednesday, April 24– Lucas Lechner
Friday, April 26– Abby Banta	Sunday, April 28– Brian Miller	

April Anniversaries



Monday, April 1– Nate & Jeanette Harding	Sunday, April 7– Michael & Haley Ketchum	Monday, April 15– John & Gwyneth Snow
Friday, April 19– Jo Doerneman & Audry Brungardt	Saturday, April 27– Kevin & Becky Dykstra	Monday, April 29– Benjamin & Jamie Gibbs

April Baptism Anniversaries



Monday, April 1– Sylvia Schmidt	Monday, April 1– Monica Spicer	Monday, April 1– Aspen Helmick
Wednesday, April 3– Ryden Helmick	Saturday, April 6– Paula Rader	Monday, April 8– Warren Miller
Monday, April 8– Charlotte Brown	Tuesday, April 9– Lois Jensen	Tuesday, April 9– Melanie Barnhill
Tuesday, April 9– Lorelai Barnhill	Wednesday, April 10– Nancy Christensen	Wednesday, April 17– Kelsey Pressnall
Thursday, April 18– Elaine Miller	Thursday, April 18– Kameryn Thompson	Saturday, April 20– Christopher Smith
Sunday, April 21– Freyja Carlstedt	Sunday, April 21– Stephanie Albright	Wednesday, April 24– Josephine Hysell
Thursday, April 25– Kenny Shaw	Friday, April 26– Bev Krasselt	Tuesday, April 30– Jack Smith