

# The Messenger

Christ Lutheran  
Church  
5356 N. Hillside  
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April 2026 Newsletter

Contact us at [office@Christ-Lutheran.org](mailto:office@Christ-Lutheran.org)

## VBS

It's time to start thinking about VBS! We are looking to figure out what dates would work best. If you are interested in having your child or grandchild attend VBS this year AND/OR if you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please fill out the form below using the link or QR code below. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Spicer at 316-661-8942 (call or text) or [monica.schmidt331@gmail.com](mailto:monica.schmidt331@gmail.com). Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5fmuw6>



### Spring Worship Schedule

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

### Men's Breakfast

We will be at Auntie C's, located at 61st and Broadway. We will be there at 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 11th 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 May 5th at 9:00 am. For questions, contact:  
Rosie Harder 316-200-3233  
Rosieharder14@gmail.com

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.



### 2026 Bookkeepers Report

Respectfully Submitted, Alan Wondra



	March 2026	YTD 2026	Rolling 12 Months YTD
Receipts	\$14,188.38	\$70,390.08	\$249,508.26
Expenses	\$10,499.15	\$33,474.22	\$201,341.06
Variance	\$3,689.23	\$36,915.86	\$48,167.20

**There will be no adult Bible Class Sunday, April 26th due to the congregational meeting between services.**



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### Parish Nurse - Mary Garrelts



For any medical questions or concerns please contact **Mary Garrelts** at [mbgarrelts@cox.net](mailto:mbgarrelts@cox.net)

### Easter Lilies

Thank you to the following families for providing an Easter lily for our church sanctuary this Easter: Russ & Shannon Banta, Donn & Deborah Bischoff, Juanita Freed, Jim & Mary Garrelts, Andy & Christie Hentzen, Bob & Lois Jensen, Terry & Darinda Leonard, Maynard & Dorothy Peterson, & Brian & Robin Pressnall.



**Babysitting is now available in the Nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00**

## **Class of 2026 – Senior Sunday**

Do you have a high school senior this spring? We'll soon be preparing to make their graduation cut & tie quilts. I purchase fleece & we try to find a time that parents can help with the actual making of the quilt. If your senior knows the two colors (or just one is ok, too) that they would like, let me know. I

understand students are still in the decision-making process and there's no great rush. Some kids have used their college colors, some use favorite colors, some use high school colors, some use their dorm room decoration theme. Just let me know when you have a color choice firmly in mind. We like to finish them a couple weeks before Senior Sunday so we have time to get names

embroidered on the quilts.

**Call or text Mary Garrelts (316) 640-7009!**



**CHURCH**  
D I R E C T O R Y

### **Directory Update**

We want your information! Although it seems like just yesterday, it's actually been several years since we've updated the directory. We are not doing photo updates at this time, but we are updating addresses, phone numbers and emails. Please check your current information to make sure it is up-to-date. You can text or email

Kari Clouse at 316-304-5292

or [millerkari@yahoo.com](mailto:millerkari@yahoo.com) to update

information as needed.

Thanks!  
-Kari Clouse

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



**Care Package  
Items we are collecting:**

- Chips (small bags)
- Beef jerky
- Microwave Popcorn
- Pretzels or party mix
- Nutter Butters sandwich cookies
- Uncrustable PBJs
- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Other salty or sweet snacks



## Nonfood Items:

- Stress balls
- Poppers
- Fidget spinners



## Gift cards to:

- McDonalds
- Starbucks
- Chipotle
- Dillons



## Cash for CLC to purchase gift cards



**Please bring items by  
Sunday, April 19, so  
that care packages can  
be mailed in time for  
end of semester  
exams.**



# **Our CLC College/Trade School students include:**

**Abby Banta**

**Damion Brown**

**Andrew Clouse**

**Caleb Freed**

**Karley Luper**

**Noah Miller**

**Gerardo Naranjo**

**Max Wallman**

**Please let Bev Krasselt or Robin Pressnall  
know if you know of other CLC members  
who are college students.**



We are also collecting cards and notes of encouragement to put in each box. Please bring notes or use those provided to write a note. Please leave them at the Human Needs table.

Dear Friends,

The move from my home in west Wichita to the Rushwood Senior Living has been a big change. Thank you for the cards and good wishes of cheer and encouragement. I treasure the many years of membership and friendship at Christ Lutheran Church! God's blessings to you all!

-Margaret Dietz



**TARZAN**  
THE STAGE MUSICAL  
BASED ON THE Disney FILM

**Come See Me!** **April 23-25**

Tickets at [cptwichita.org](https://cptwichita.org)

**Christian Performance Theatre** ✨

Casey Dykstra will be on the stage as Kala in the musical production of Tarzan, she hopes to see you all in the audience! Here's the link to purchase tickets and don't forget to choose her name during checkout!

<https://cptwichita.org>



## Spring Annual Meeting 2026

You are cordially invited to attend the Spring Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church, to be held between worship services, on Sunday, April 26th, 2026.

The meeting agenda will include:

- **Review of 2025 full year and 2026 first quarter financials**
- **Property Care update**
- **Justice Together update**
- **Call Committee update**

Copies of meeting information will be placed on the Opportunities table approximately two weeks before the meeting for your review.

We look forward for this opportunity to provide you with key update information, and to answer any questions you might have.

**Spring Annual Business Meeting**  
**April 26, 2026**  
**Between Services**



### Agenda

1. Opening prayer (Julie)
2. Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting (Julie)
3. Financials – 2025 Close Out (Alan W.)
4. Financials – 2026 First Quarter (Alan W.)
5. Property Care (Security) Updates (Alan S.)
6. Justice Together Updates (Alan W.)
7. Call Committee Updates (Brian M.)
8. Worship & Music Request (Bonnie)
9. Closing prayer (Jody)

# **Justice Together**

Justice Together's Christ Lutheran Team Leaders invite everyone to attend this year's Nehemiah Assembly. We are trying to get 75 people there representing Christ Lutheran. You can get tickets (for head count only) from one of the team leaders listed below. You can get a ticket at the door. Feel free to invite family members, friends and co-workers to join the more than 1,500 people estimated to attend.

Justice Together's Nehemiah Assembly 2026 is scheduled for:

April 27th, 6:00 PM

WSU Eugene Hughes Metropolitan Complex  
5015 E. 29th St N. Wichita

Doors open at 5:30. Team Leaders advise everyone to arrive early due to parking. We have had people arrive before 5:30 and are able to check in and be seated.

For information contact one of the Christ Lutheran Team Leaders Alan Wondra, Donn Bischoff, Forrest Ehmke and Cathy Ehmke

Thank you.



# Christ Lutheran Church

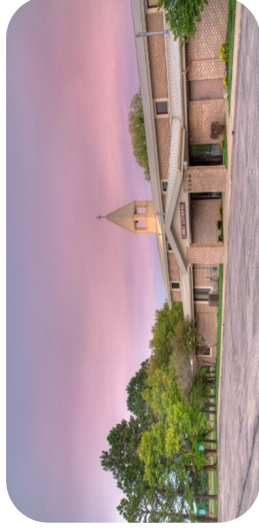
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## Staff

## Church Council

Organist: Amy Webb  
 Cantor/Choir Director: Jared Pector  
 Custodian: Patty Wheeler  
 Bookkeeper: Alan Wondra  
 Parish Nurse: Mary Garrelts  
 Secretary: Kali Mills  
 Parish Ministry Associate: Jody Helton

President: Julie Stiebner  
 Vice President: Kari Clouse  
 Secretary: Carol Dodey  
 Treasurer: Alan Wondra  
 Worship: Bonnie Johnson  
 Human Needs: Beverly Krasselt  
 Resource: Nick Baden  
 Property Care: Alan Schmidt  
 Parish Education: Monica Spicer  
 Outreach: Mary Garrelts  
 Youth: Chandra Entwisle



## Staff Relations Committee

Council: Mallory Fowler  
 Staff: David Lechner  
 Pastor: Forrest Ehrnke

## April Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Usher	Greeters	PPT	Soundboard	Leader	Reader	Goodies	Altar Guild	Tellers/Offering
4/5	9:00	Landon Clouse	Justin Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Alan Wondra	Julie Stiebner	Jo & Audry	Deb Bischoff	Donn B & Bonnie J
	11:00	Donn Bischoff	Taylor Cook	Maynard Peterson	Matt Becker	Bonnie Johnson	Rosie Harder	Deb Bischoff	Deb Bischoff	
4/12	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	<b>NEED ONE</b>	Jim Garrelts	Landon Clouse	Robin Pressnall	Mary Garrelts	Juanita Freed	Donn B & Becky D
	11:00	Paul Shaw	Maynard Peterson	Paige Gibbs	Courtlynn Dykstra	Donn Bischoff	Jean Beal	Jamie Gibbs	Schweitzer	
4/19	9:00	Landon Clouse	Jody Helton	Justin Clouse	Jim Garrelts	Mary Garrelts	Lantana Howell	Kari Clouse	Derek Farris	Donn B & Cindy T
	11:00	Rich Harder	Donn Bischoff	Casey Dykstra	Entwisles	Maynard Peterson	Jamie Gibbs	Bonnie Johnson	Carol Dooley	
4/26	9:00	Justin Clouse	Landon Clouse	Mary Garrelts	Jim Garrelts	Jody Helton	Kari Clouse	<b>NEED ONE</b>	Janet Miller	Donn B & Jamie G
	11:00	Ben Gibbs	Paul Shaw	<b>NEED ONE</b>	Gibbs	<b>NEED ONE</b>	Bonnie Johnson	<b>NEED ONE</b>	Dionne Becker	

# April 2026

Sun

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Sat

			<p>1 April Fools Day</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Worship 7 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday Worship 7 PM</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Happy Easter!</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Book Club 6:30 pm</p> <p>Falcon Falls HOA 7 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Quilters 9 AM</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Men's Breakfast 8 AM</p> 
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Council 6 PM</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cook Baby Shower 10:00 AM</p> 
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Worship &amp; Music Committee 6 PM</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 10:30am</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10:30am</p> <p>Earth Day!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sandwich Saturday Prep 5:30pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Sandwich Saturday 10:30am @ St. John's Episcopal</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Spring Annual Meeting Between Services</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Nehemiah Assembly 6 PM</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		



# April Birthdays

Thursday, April 2- Stephanie Albright	Tuesday, April 7– Kelsey Callison	Tuesday, April 7– Clara Miller
Friday, April 10– Katherine Thompson	Saturday, April 11– Karley Luper	Sunday, April 12– Karen Wondra
Monday, April 13– Brian Lechner	Monday, April 13– Walker Patry	Tuesday, April 14– Haley Smith
Tuesday, April 14– Zoey Baden	Wednesday, April 15– Brittany Garrelts	Wednesday, April 15– Matilda Spicer
Monday, April 20– Bill Wenner	Monday April 20– Josephine Hysell	Wednesday, April 22– Kylo Haynes
Wednesday, April 22– Dexter Haynes	Thursday, April 23– Bradlee Howell	Friday, April 24– Lucas Lechner
Sunday, April 26– Abby Banta	Tuesday, April 28– Brian Miller	Thursday, April 30– Paul Dow

# April Anniversaries

Wednesday, April 15– John & Gwyn Snow	Sunday, April 19– Jo Doerneman & Audry Brungardt	Monday, April 27– Kevin & Becky Dykstra
Wednesday, April 29– Ben & Jamie Gibbs		



# April Baptism Anniversaries

Wednesday, April 1– Sylvia Schmidt	Wednesday, April 1– Monica Spicer	Wednesday, April 1– Aspen Helmick
Friday, April 3– Ryden Helmick	Tuesday, April 7– Mason Callison	Wednesday, April 8– Warren Miller
Thursday, April 9– Lois Jensen	Thursday, April 9– Melanie Barnhill	Thursday, April 9– Lorelai Barnhill
Friday, April 17– Kelsey Pressnall	Saturday, April 18– Elaine Miller	Saturday, April 18– Kameryn Thompson
Monday, April 20– Christopher Smith	Tuesday, April 21– Freyja Carlstedt	Tuesday, April 21– Stephanie Albright
Friday, April 24– Josephine Hysell	Saturday, April 25– Kenny Shaw	Sunday, April 26– Bev Krasselt
Thursday, April 30– Jack Smith		