

The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

“Paschal Triduum— Pastor Joel

This will be the fourth year we will gather for the Easter Vigil Service, which is celebrated on Saturday night before Easter morning. The Easter Vigil is part of what we call the Paschal Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday Easter Vigil. These three days of worship are really a single worship event. Each year a few more people have attended this service; I encourage a few more people to gather with us!

The word “paschal” refers to the mystery of Christ as “Lamb” and also to “Passover”, the ancient feast in the Old Testament, which remembered the night God delivered the Israelites from their bondage. “Triduum” is a Latin word meaning “three days”. Together these words refer to the Three Days, recalling Jesus’ words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death and that after three days he will rise again. (Mark 10:34)

The Three Days include the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, which unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

On Maundy Thursday we include the words of Jesus’ new commandments to love one another. As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus’ example of humility, we may wash one another’s feet. We also gather around the Lord’s Supper, and finally the altar is stripped of all its furnishings as a symbol of Christ being abandoned and handed over to his captors.

The Good Friday service includes the passion reading according to the gospel of John. As Jesus draws all people to Himself, we pray for the entire world for which He died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of healing, forgiveness and salvation. We may bow or touch the cross, or make some other sign of

revelation.

The Vigil of Easter is an opportunity to celebrate Christ’s passage from death to life. The service includes strong signs: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and Word of Baptism, and powerful saving stories from the Old Testament and Easter gospel. We keep this night in the spirit of vigil, waiting for Christ’s coming, both now and at the end of time.

Finally we gather for a feast of desserts. The Lenten fast is ended, and it is time to feast and rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



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Out Reach

Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. - Mother Teresa

We will be hosting a Community Meal on Thursday May 25th. A Community Meal event is where individuals from the community are invited for a meal and fellowship. What is the Community Meal vision? The Community Meal is a living statement of who we are in Christ, how we treat one another, and how we serve one another. The Community Meal was founded on the values of love, compassion, commitment and grace. We want to build enduring relationships with our neighbors in the communities we serve and beyond. Everyone is welcome to come. For

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more about the community meal visit, www.thecommunitymeal.org.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please email Bridget Witt Schaurdt at out-reach.elcpalatine@gmail.com

During this Lenten season spend quiet time with Our Lord. Ask Him to show you how you can farther His kingdom.

Matthew 22:36-39

³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Youth Happenings

2017 has been off to a busy start for Youth Ministry! Confirmation classes resumed on Sunday, January 8th and we have spent the last two months exploring Jesus' life and ministry. We discussed Jesus' calling of the disciples, the Beatitudes and such parables as the Good Samaritan. Our class will begin discussing Jesus' last week on Earth as our church moves into the Lenten season. Service and outreach continue to be important pieces of our Confirmation curriculum. Our class once again hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring, which took place on Sunday, February 5th. I'm happy to report that this year's Souper Bowl was an overwhelming success!

1,025 non-perishable items were donated to the Palatine Food Pantry and \$774.00 was donated to ELCA World Hunger! Our congregation did a fantastic job and this year's competition was split: the 10:30 service won the item collection, while the 8:30 service won the monetary collection.

Last fall, the youth group from Peace Lutheran in Lake Zurich extended an invitation to our youth to join them on their mission trip to Lexington, SC in July. I am excited to announce that four of our students and two chaperones will be attending! Our youth groups have started to get to know each other through holiday activities and Laser Tag, and through-

Tracy McClure

out the winter, the teens have been busily preparing for our upcoming mission trip fundraiser. The **13th Annual Holy Spaghetti Dinner and Auction** will be held at Peace Lutheran on **Saturday, March 4th from 5-8pm**. Both the Peace and Christ youth groups will spend the evening serving guests spaghetti dinners and there will be several silent and live auction items to bid on. **All proceeds** from this event will go towards the Peace and Christ Lutheran mission trip to South Carolina. This will be the first of two fundraisers for our journey – the second fundraiser will be a pancake breakfast, which will be held at Christ Lutheran on **Saturday, May 6th**.



Thank you to everyone who came out to hear the Mad Monks of Melody – the first concert in the 2017 concert series. We had a good crowd and the music was every bit as entertaining as we'd hoped it would be. Special thanks to Vicki Drennon for all her help in preparing and serving refreshments before and after the concert!

The spring session of Music Ministry is well underway and, while the rest of the world is recovering from St. Valentine's Day and preparing for St. Patrick's Day, we're looking at Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. **We will once again move the Wednesday evening services from the Chapel to the Sanctuary to accommodate a larger number of worshippers during Lent. We will start with the Ash Wednesday service on March 1st.**

Mission Quilters-Paula Spengler

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Will Celebrate the 40th Anniversary Annual Spring Luncheon, Friday April 28, 2017!

The celebration will begin at noon with the doors opening at 11:30 a.m. for quilt display and resources. We will gather the Avalon Banquets, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, [847-439-5740](tel:847-439-5740). www.avalonbanquets.com

All are welcome. Invite friends. Handicap accessible with ample parking.

Guest speaker: Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (Rt.) Lutheran World Relief's president and CEO. A former U.S. Ambassador to Greece and Belarus, Speckhard has a long distinguished career in government service. A descendent of a long line of Lutheran pastors, he has a deep desire to contribute to alleviating poverty, suffering and injustice in the world. We are honored to have him and hope for a good number to attend. Reservations are \$25 for entrée choices of chicken or vegetarian meal. Check the Sunday announcements for further information.

This and That...

CLC Missionary Sponsorships—2017

CLC is sponsoring four missionaries from around the world in 2017. Each is involved in their own way in bringing the messages of love and faith through Jesus to all of God's children, both believers and to non-believers.

Ongoing Support

Dr. Antje Oosterkamp serving at a Lutheran hospital in Northern Bangladesh

Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson serving in Cameroon at a Lutheran Theological Institute

New Support

Rev. Dr. Rosanne Swanson is a lecturer at the Protestant Christian Batak Church in Indonesia

Shemiah Curry serving through the Lutheran one-year YAGM program in Rwanda

During the year, we hope to have one or more of these missionaries come to visit CLC and share their work with us. Updates from our missionaries are posted on the bulletin board outside the Holy Grounds coffee shop. Please keep each of these missionaries in your prayers.

Youth Religious Education

Luke 6:31, Making A Difference

As students and teachers continue to carry out weekly acts of kindness they are excited to report on successes. Like a pebble thrown into the water, the ripples produced are endless. The students have begun to realize that their small deeds are making a difference as well!

In addition to our weekly acts of kindness, the children created 18 Thanksgiving gift bags for the shut-in members of CLC. They joyfully decorated cards, mixed a Thanksgiving themed snack mix, and created the world's cutest turkey decoration. The goodness in their hearts shone through in the energy and care they placed into each piece of the project they completed. Plans are in place for an Easter service project as well!

YRE takes place from 10:30 – 11:30 am most weeks. A new change is that YRE will not be offered the first Sunday of each month. This gives families the opportunity to worship together during the second service. I look forward to experiencing changes in the works to make the first 10:30 service of the month more family friendly.

In addition, each year I aim to raise the bar for our program. As well as updating our curriculum, four iPads were added to the classrooms in November. These generous gifts allow the students immediate access to information they wish to peruse in more depth. The iPads also add an outlet for creative

expression. As we grow with our new technology you will see it being used in a variety of new ways.

We are blessed with eleven students, four teachers, several volunteers, and occasional guests. Please know that there is always room for new students and visitors. Our curriculum is written so that no one will feel behind if they join us only occasionally.

The students would be thrilled if a congregational member attended a lesson just to see what the kids were doing. They are very proud to show off their work. Please consider coming down for a visit!

I am blessed to be part of the lives of our youth. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Grace and Peace,
Theresa Greinig

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 8 at 11:00AM! This event will be held rain or shine! Invite your friends and neighbors!