



A Little Lenten Disruption, Is Good for The Soul

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are seeing some long-awaited improvements to our building these last few weeks. The ADA parking pad is ready for use, although we are still waiting for better weather to paint the parking spaces and put up the ADA signs. The sidewalks and stairs on the east side of the church and around the parsonage have been improved and smoothed out to make walking safer. Railings for the stairs near my office and for the entrance to the Transitional Shelter are next. Plumbing for easier access to water for coffee hour went in this week. A lot of "deferred maintenance" is being done, all for the purpose of making our church buildings more accessible and more welcoming to more people.

It feels good to be doing these tasks and taking care of our facility. Just four years ago this month (March, 2020) we were forced out of our building by the pandemic. It would be over 14 months before we gathered together in person on Pentecost Sunday 2021, albeit outside, for worship. During those fourteen months, we had to learn how to be church in a completely different way. It was really disruptive, but we learned a lot about what was essential to being church together.

In the gospel reading for the third Sunday of Lent, we hear from the Gospel of John about Jesus cleansing the temple. (John 2:13-21). The Jerusalem Temple was an architectural marvel. The Temple in Jesus' time was the third to be built on the site and by far the most magnificent. It was central to all of the required religious festivals and a point of pride and identity for the Jewish people. When Jesus grabbed his whip of chords and chased out the merchants, money changers, and even the animals, Jesus was confronting both religious and economic systems. Jesus was disrupting the status quo. He was also confronting what it really meant to be God's people. In just a few decades, that very same temple would be destroyed by Roman Legions and turned to rubble. God's people would have to figure out how to be a community without it. And they did!

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Friday, March 1

Psalm 19 Exodus 19:9b-15
Acts 7:30-40

Saturday, March 2

Psalm 19 Exodus 19:16-25
Mark 9:2-8

Sunday, March 3 **Third Sunday in Lent**

Monday, March 4

Psalm 84 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21
-22 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Tuesday, March 5

Psalm 84 2 Chronicles 29:1
-11, 16-19 Hebrews 9:23-
28

Wednesday, March 6

Psalm 84 Ezra 6:1-16 Mark
11:15-19

Thursday, March 7

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 1:3-6

Friday, March 8

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Daniel 12:5-13
Ephesians 1:7-14

Saturday, March 9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Numbers 20:22-29
John 3:1-13

Sunday, March 10 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Monday, March 11

Psalm 107:1-16 Exodus
15:22-27 Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 12

Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

As I prepare my message for the third Sunday of Lent, a song is playing in my mind. If you were a Lutheran teenager who went to Youth Gatherings in the 1980's or 90's, you heard a song by Jay Beech called, "The Church Song". Its refrain went like this...

We are the church, the body of our Lord.

We are all God's children, and we have been restored.

The verses of the song emphasized that the church was not the building, but the community.

The church is not a building, a committee or a board. It's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.

The final verse hit home what was essential about being church.

The church it is the people, living out their lives. Called, enlightened, sanctified, for the work of Jesus Christ.

It is the people that are essential.

We have been blessed with good facilities for ministry. This May, we will celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a congregation. We will look at pictures of our church buildings, both the one built at the very beginning of the 20th century as well at the one completed in 1956, our current one, with various modifications over the last 68 years.

We will also look at pictures of a century and a quarter of God's people who have been gathering to hear and study God's word, celebrate the sacraments, come together for fellowship, and do service in the community. We will comment on the fashions, smile in remembrance of saints past, and see how we ourselves have changed over the years.

And, God willing, Christ Lutheran Church will gather again in 2049 to celebrate our sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary). But Christ's church will continue no matter what. Jesus will continue to both bless and stir the whole church, reminding us at our core who we are by the Holy Spirit. Called. Enlightened. Sanctified. For the work of Jesus Christ.

We are the Church!

Peace!
Pastor Craig

Wednesday, March 13

Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22 John 8:12-20

Thursday, March 14

Psalm 51:1-12 Isaiah 30:15-18 Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday, March 15

Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10 Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Saturday, March 16

Psalm 51:1-12 Habakkuk 3:2-13 John 12:1-11

Sunday, March 17 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Monday, March 18

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tuesday, March 19

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8 Acts 2:14-24

Wednesday, March 20

Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

Thursday, March 21

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

Friday, March 22

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

Saturday, March 23

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:10-16
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Sunday, March 24 **Liturgy of the Palms**

Sunday, March 24 **Liturgy of the Passion**

**Request for Photos from
125th Anniversary Team**

We are collecting photos,
both historic and more
recent, for our 125th
Anniversary Celebration
this coming May. Whether
your family has been
connected with the



congre- gation for some time or if your connection to CLC is
kinda new, we would love to have as many photos of Christ
Lutheran functions over the years as possible to help tell the
story of our church. We are accepting both real printed photos
or scanned copies sent to us electronically. With the photos,
please include your name, a list the people in the photograph
(if you know them), an approximate date, and if you want the
original photos back. A box will be placed in the narthex to
collect physical photos. Emailed photos can be sent
to clcaurora5135@gmail.com. Thank you!
We're gonna party like it's 1899!

Monday, March 25
Annunciation of the Lord

Monday, March 25
Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday, March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday, March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, March 28
Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29
Good Friday

Saturday, March 30
Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31
Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31
Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31
Easter Evening

“Who’s on Third?”

community concert series:

held at Woodburn United Methodist Church

featuring:

**Grand Jazz &
Swing Band**

performing:

favorite songs from
the Big band Era

Saturday Mar. 16, 2024 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Woodburn United Methodist Church is located at 700 N. Cascade Dr.

Freewill donations will be taken to cover concert expenses.

**Mark your calendar to
clean up inside and
outside the church for
Palm Sunday and Easter.**

A sign up sheet will
be available next Sunday for
inside

(clean pews and kneeled,
windows, anything you notice
that needs a touch up)

outside

(wash down cobwebs in the
covered entry and ramp,
clean up flower beds to the
left of the covered area,
anything else you see that
needs to be done).

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Abraham	Barb B.
Amy	Barb B.
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Beth Brandt	Marv W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker
Burt Aus	Judi Aus
Carol Smith	Helen D
Charles G.	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Cyndy Caufield	Susan W
Dave Stegmeier	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdaahl
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Gene Free Family	Ilene Marnella
Heidi Daniel and family	PC
Howard & Kathv Brandt	Marv W.
Jan G	PC
Jill & Ray Goodness	Marv W.
Jill Weygandt	Dan H
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C
Joanna Painter	Dixie
Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Kaden	PC
Kate	PC
Kim	Lisa
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Kyla	Jordain
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce	PC
Lawson Roberts Family	PC
Linda & Bob C.	Lynn R
Lorrie D	PC
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Margaret Schultz	Marie Gunther
Marie G	Barb B.
Martin Nygaard. Family of	Barb B.
Mary Wolfe	PC
Matt H	PC
Micah Akin	Wvatt Akin
Mike Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Neal McLain	PC
Nicole Callahan	Sharon G.
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Oscar D	Sam D
Piper	Heather W
Richard Dyrdaahl	Lorrie Dyrdaahl
Robert	Jordain
Rov Steven	Joyce
Sandra Villegas	Barb
Shana Kelley, Family of	Sharron G
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Sylvia Peter	PC
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi



Donna Webb	1
David Hendrick	7
Kenton Wolfe	8
Jennifer Groner	14
Morgan Luckett	14
Cassidy Eggert	15
Mary Lyon	15
Gordan Ball	18
John Ries	18
Judi Aus	20
Lance Lyon	21



Cindy & Scott Caufield 24

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.

Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
Those who are in hospice care.

Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday
March 24th
10:00 am

Good Friday
March 29
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
March 31
10:00 am

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	1 6-8 pm Wellbriety	2
3 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	4 6:30-8:30 pm Emergency Preparedness	5 6 pm AA Meeting	6	7	8 6-8 pm Wellbriety	9 5:15-8:00 pm AA Speaker Series
10 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting 11:15 Council Meeting	11	12 6 pm AA Meeting	13	14	15 6-8 pm Wellbriety	16
17 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	18	19 6 pm AA Meeting	20 10 am Backpack Buddies 3:30-5 pm Marion/Polk Mobile Food Pantry, Aurora Pythian Hall	21	22 6-8 pm Wellbriety	23
24 Palm Sunday 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	25	26 3-4:30 pm North Marion Services Team 6 pm AA Meeting	27	28	29 Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship	30
31 Easter Sunday 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting						

Sunday Helpers

March 3

Reader: Burt Aus
Ushers: Burt and Judi Aus
Donuts: Carolyn Popma

March 17

Reader; Marvis Gilnett
Usher: Marvis Gilnett
Communion: Mike Boonstra

March 31 EASTER

Reader: Lynn Ries
Ushers: John and Lynn Ries
Coffee Host: Marie Gunther

March 10

Reader: Kenton Wolfe
Ushers; Lynn Bloomfield and
Ilene Marnella
Coffee Host; Helen David

March 24 PALM SUNDAY

Reader: Dan Harms
Ushers: Dan and Lonnie Harms
Coffee Host: Susan Williamson

Reminder Daylight Savings Time

Did you know that on **Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m.** that Daylight Savings Time Begins?
This is a reminder to move your clocks forward one (1) hour.

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