



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AURORA, OREGON APRIL 2024 EDITION

Christ Lutheran Church: 125 Years and Counting...

The first weekend in May, Christ Lutheran Church is hosting a celebratory weekend, looking back at a century and a quarter of our history, and looking forward to God's promise to be with us now and into the future. (See invitation on page 3)

In 1898, a handful of Aurora area residents of German ancestry first gathered for worship in an Ox Barn, now The Old Aurora Colony Museum Building. One year later, in 1899, they formally chartered what is now Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora, Oregon.

For 125 years, this community of faith has celebrated numerous milestones and persevered through difficult times. All along the way, the Word of God has been proclaimed and the Sacraments have been celebrated. Baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals have happened. Neighbors have helped neighbors. We have been the Body of Christ!

Some accomplishments along the way...

Built the first Church and Parsonage (1901 and 1903 respectively)

Completed a new Church and new Parsonage (1956 and 1957 respectively)

Established two important ministries to address unmet needs; ministries that still exist today.

- At the encouragement of a daughter of the congregation in 1926, Christ Lutheran helped found *Luther House - Campus Ministry at Oregon State.*

In 1990, CLC formed *The Aurora Transitional Shelter Ministry to help homeless families get back on their feet. Dozens of families have been served and helped to transition from homelessness to stable housing.*

Added a Praise Band to our worship in the 1990's, featuring talented local musicians. Our musicians are a blessing.

With Aurora Presbyterian Church, Christ Lutheran started the *Backpack Buddies program at North Marion Schools in 2004. To date, over 75,000 weekend meals to kids at risk of hunger have been delivered.*

CLC helped establish Jubilee Food Pantry in 2010, signing up

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April 1

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Genesis 1:1-19;
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

April 2

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Genesis 1:20-2:4a;
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

April 3

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Song of Solomon 3:1-11;
Mark 16:1-8

April 4

Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21;
Acts 2:42-47

April 5

Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23;
Acts 4:23-31

April 6

Psalm 133;
Daniel 2:24-49;
John 12:44-50

April 7

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2;
John 20:19-31

April 8

Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30;
1 John 2:3-11

April 9

Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28;
1 John 2:12-17

April 10

Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15;
Mark 12:18-27

as the first covenant congregation to partner with the Coulombe Family in Hubbard. For 12 years, Christ Lutheran was instrumental in supporting Andy and Serenity's calling to help feed their neighbors and create community.

Some obstacles along the way...

Numerous economic downturns, including the Great Depression (1929-1939)

Anti-German bias during and after World War I, led the congregation to offer English language services and a temporary new name: Christ English Lutheran Church.

Survived and eventually thrived after two global pandemics (Spanish Flu 1918-1920 and COVID 19 one hundred years later).

A second World War (1939-1945) that killed millions world-wide and the Cold War (1947-1991), with its ongoing threat of thermonuclear war.

Adapting to 125 years of historical and cultural changes while remaining a vital congregation, faithful to its mission to love God and neighbor.

The Present and Future...

Christ Lutheran Church is known in the community for working collaboratively to help our neighbors.

In 2017, we helped create the North Marion Resource Guide and to establish the North Marion Services Team, a collaborative monthly gathering of community partners that works to share resources and meet needs in the North Marion School District Catchment Area.

For over 20 years, we have hosted a Sunday AA/Alanon group. Since the pandemic, we now host an additional group on Tuesday nights and a Friday "Wellbriety" recovery group. Wellbriety uses traditional Native American practices in conjunction with 12 Step practices to encourage the healing of the entire family system.

We host monthly meetings of the Aurora Emergency Preparedness Team, store emergency caches of medical supplies and water.

We support the mission of the Aurora Colony Museum and host their annual meeting as well as occasional speakers of interest.

As it says on our website, "Christ Lutheran celebrates the past and embraces the future."

Please plan to celebrate 125 years with us!

Peace!

Pastor Craig

April 11
Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19;
1 John 2:18-25

April 12
Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19;
1 John 2:26-28

April 13
Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10;
Luke 22:24-30

April 14: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm
4; 1 John 3:1-7;
Luke 24:36b-48

April 15
Psalm 150;
Jeremiah 30:1-11a;
1 John 3:10-16

April 16
Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6;
2 John 1:1-6

April 17
Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6;
Mark 16:9-18

April 18
Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43;
Acts 3:17-26

April 19
Psalm 23;
Genesis 46:28-47:6;
Acts 4:1-4

April 20
Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19;
Mark 6:30-34

April 21
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18



May 4
Song, Story &
Photography
6 - 8 pm

May 5
Festival Worship
Luncheon to Follow
10 am

You are cordially invited to join Christ Lutheran Church in celebrating 125 years of ministry the weekend of May 4-5, 2024.

Saturday, May 4th, 6-8 pm

We will tell the story of our community of faith in song, story and photography. An old-fashioned cookie potluck reception will follow.

Sunday, May 5th, 10 am

We will gather for a festival worship service with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. A Hosted Luncheon in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

To help us anticipate attendance,
"the favor of a reply is appreciated."

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April 22
Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13;
1 Peter 5:1-5

April 23
Psalm 95;
1 Chronicles 11:1-9;
Revelation 7:13-17

April 24
Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20;
Mark 14:26-31

April 25
Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7;
Acts 8:1b-8

April 26
Psalm 22:25-31;
Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25

April 27
Psalm 22:25-31;
Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32

April 28
Acts 8:26-40;
Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

April 29
Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7;
Galatians 5:16-26

April 30
Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20;
James 3:17-18

Prayers for Requested by

Abraham	Barb B.	Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Amy	Barb B.	Kaden	PC
Anna (Grider)	Jim & Doris	Kate	PC
Beth Brandt	Mary W.	Kim	Lisa
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and	Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Bob and Sally	Doris Grider	Kyla	Jordain
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary	Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Brooke	Heather W	Laurie Boyce	PC
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker	Lawson Roberts	PC
Burt Aus	Judi Aus	Lorrie D	PC
Carol Smith	Helen D	Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan
Charles G.	PC	Margaret Schultz	Marie Gunther
Colin Brown	Heather W	Marie G	Barb B.
Cyndy Caufield	Susan W	Martin Nygaard, Family	Barb B.
Dave Stegmei-	Dan and Lonnie	Mary Wolfe	PC
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyr Dahl	Matt H	PC
Eric Wechter	PC	Micah Akin	Wyatt Akin
Evie Berg	PC	Mike Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Grayson Benja-	Carey P	Mike Macklin	Kimberly Macklin
Heidi Belew	PC	Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Heidi Daniel and	PC	Neal McLain	PC
Howard & Kathy	Mary W.	Nicole Callahan	Sharon G.
Jan G	PC	Norman Colvin	Nancy
Jeff Becker	Doris Grider	Oscar D	Sam D
Jill & Ray Good-	Mary W.	Piper	Heather W
Jill Weygandt	Dan H	Richard Dyr Dahl	Lorrie Dyr Dahl
Jo Miller	Kinberly Macklin	Robert	Jordain
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C	Roy Steven	Joyce
Joanna Painter	Dixie	Sandra Villegas	Barb
		Shana Kelley, Family	Sharron G
		Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
		Sylvia Peter	PC
		Tom Haskins	Kim M.
		Traci	Barb B.
		Vi Anderson	Judi

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.

April Sunday Helpers



April 7

Reader: Dale and Susan Williamson

Usher: Lance Lyon

Donuts: Michelle Ripple

April 14:

Reader: Lance Lyon

Usher: Lance Lyon

Coffee Host: Helen David

April 21

Reader; Marvis Gilnett

Usher: Dean Pinto

Coffee Hosts: Barb Bannister

April 28

Reader; Burt Aus

Ushers: Burt and Judi Aus

Coffee Hosts: Marvis Gilnett

Easter Gratitude

What a wonderful Easter Celebration! We welcomed Kevin Baker and Wyatt Akin into membership through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. The church looked great, the music was wonderful, and there wasn't an empty seat. Thanks to all who helped make the day special.

Easter Flowers in Narthex

The beautiful flowers on the narthex tables were placed there in memory of Florence Zwicker by Heide Hendrick, our former Office Admin and our current custodian.

New Member Welcome

This month we welcome into membership the following saints of God... Laney Baker, (Transfer from Peace in Pendleton); Barry and Denise McPherson, (Transfer from Atonement in Newport); Jack Guthrie, (Transfer from Our Saviour's in Eugene); Matt Boonstra, (Transfer from Zoar in Canby); Betty Gerhardt, (Affirmation of Baptism).



Two months until the 2024 Spring Work Day

The Spring Work Day is June 1! Spend a Saturday (9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) volunteering with friends or family to get camp spruced up for summer. Work Days are also a great opportunity to introduce new campers to the site. We'll have projects for all ages and abilities so feel free to bring the whole family! Lunch and snacks are provided. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/44jnbh63> to RSVP for June 1!

- 3 Beau Will
- 5 Chris Fisher
- 6 Betty Gerhardt
- 9 Molly Gunther
- 14 Pastor Craig
- 15 Donna Coleman
- 15 Kiera Will
- 15 Dale Williamson
- 17 Kate Johnson
- 22 Scott Caufield
- 23 Barry McPherson
- 26 Doris Grider
- 27 Barb Bannister



ELCA World Hunger 50th Anniversary Challenge

For 50 years, dedicated ELCA Hunger staff have been working to end hunger - here in the USA and in more than 60 other countries. To mark the 50th anniversary, the Oregon Synod Hunger Team is challenging all 112 ELCA congregations in Oregon to come up with a combined donation goal of \$50,000, or about \$500 per congregation. **The 50th anniversary Oregon Synod giving challenge for ELCA World Hunger ends April 30.** We're tracking our synod progress towards this goal. So far, the Synod raised \$13,000 towards the \$50,000 goal! Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and write "ELCA World Hunger Challenge" in the memo line.



- 3 Bonnie & Bruce Johnson
- 26 Lorrie & Sam Dyrdaahl

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AA 6 pm	2 AA 6 pm	3	4	5 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	6
7 10 am Worship 11 am 125 th Anniversary Planning 7 pm AA Meeting	8 AA 6 pm	9 AA 6 pm	10	11	12 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	13 5:15-8:00 pm AA Speaker Series
14 10 am Worship 11:15 Council Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting	15 AA 6 pm	16 AA 6 pm	17 3:30-5 pm Marion/Polk Mobile Food Pantry, Aurora Pythian Hall	18 10 am Backpack Buddies	19 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	20
21 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	22 AA 6 pm 3-4:30 pm North Marian Services Team	23	24	25	26 Wellbriety 6-8 pm	27
Pastor Craig On Vacation						
28 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	29 6 pm AA Meeting AA 6 pm	30			Wellbriety 6-8 pm	

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