



CHRIST TODAY

May 2017

A monthly newsletter for friends and members of Christ Lutheran Church, Warren LCMC



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National Day of Prayer- May 4, the National Day of

Prayer is an annual observance inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Citizens come together to celebrate our most beloved freedom; the freedom to humbly come before God and seek His guidance in prayer.

Tea Luncheon - May 6, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to honor all

mothers. The luncheon includes: chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. The ladies luncheon is sponsored by the CLC Women's group. Ticket available, \$7.00 / adults; \$5.00 / age 12 and under. Speak with Betty Stutzky for more information.

Mother's Day – May 14, It is a time to honor mothers,

grandmothers, and great-grandmothers and those who step in to be mothers for their contribution to family and society.

Confirmation Sunday – May 21, our CLC 8th grade youth will

be confirmed at the 11:00 a.m. Worship. See page 4 for more info.

Ascension Sunday - May 28, we celebrate that Jesus was

taken up into heaven 40 days after his resurrection from the dead. In the Creed we say that we believe in Jesus who "ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty". Jesus' ascension marks the end of his life on earth. In the church we celebrate not only that God's Son was born into the world but also that he left it again. ! Holy Communion served at both services.

Sunday before Memorial Day- May 28, one service

only at 10:00 a.m.

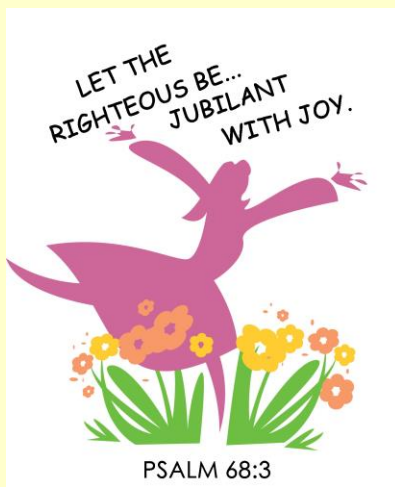
Memorial Day, May 29 – honored, church office closed. Blessed is

The nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE FOR MAY: *THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE!*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Now what?!

The disciples cowering behind closed doors the evening of Christ's resurrection (John 20:19-25) were afraid that the authorities might come for them next – but they also might have been afraid that Jesus actually was alive.

What would that mean for those who had found it too dangerous to follow Jesus to the cross? For those who stayed with Jesus and saw the outcome? For those in all times and places who understand that the resurrection isn't just about God's awesome power but about God's awesome *truth*? As someone put it: "Easter shows you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." What is God's truth that keeps "marching on"?

In these Sundays after Easter, the appointed gospel texts from St. John (and one from Luke) reveal the risen Christ in the breaking of bread, as the Good Shepherd, as the one who sends the Holy Spirit to accompany believers, and especially as *the way, the truth and the life*.

God's truth is the peace that Jesus brings in forgiving those who crucified him and those who hide in fear. God's truth is new beginnings, new life— resurrection!—that Christ brings to mankind now and forever. God's truth is that in baptism and in the Holy Communion we are sent to continue Jesus' mission of revealing His forgiveness, peace, healing and love for the world. And that is clearly rooted in our first lesson texts from the Acts of the Apostles in this season after Easter.

We are never alone in this; we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, sent to the church on the day of Pentecost (June 4 this year) to inspire and guide us. However, on Sunday, May 21 we will witness the power of the Spirit calling, gathering, enlightening and sanctifying the faith of this year's six confirmation students—*insert names*—who will affirm their baptismal faith in the Rite of Confirmation at the 11 am worship service. Please save that date to support and celebrate that these young people! And with all of us, say "yes" to the baptismal call to embody the good news of God's love in Christ.

Christ is risen! Now we shall arise, this joyful Eastertide. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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CLC PERSONNEL AND CLC FOUNDATION BOARD

New members of CLC Personnel Relations Committee & CLC Foundation Board for 2017 were appointed at the Council meeting on March 28th

- CLC Foundation appointed by CLC Council: Nancy Woy (2 years), Rich Bull (2 years), Phil Rometsch (1 year),
- Jim Dutcher (1 year),
- Terry Straka (1 year).
- Appointed by Pastor Cave and Keith VanDeKerkhove to CLC Personnel Relations Committee: Heidi Cross (2 yrs.); Bob Slavko (2 yrs.); Steve Brown (1 yr.); Dave Dietz (1 yr.).

Thank you for your leadership!

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

We regret to announce the death of our church family member:

† **Robert A. Krueger**
August 28, 1936 – April 5, 2017

I will turn their mourning into gladness. I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.
Jeremiah 31:13

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of Mary Ann Boggs

Undesignated Memorial Given by:
Ken Boggs

In memory of Elizabeth Gee (Norman Wyss' sister)

Gift designated to CLC landscaping given by:
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wyss &
Phil and Marilyn Steinke

In memory of Dennis Gorgas

Undesignated Memorial Given by:
Joann Gorgas

¹⁴This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ^{1:16} I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:11-14-16

Memorial Informational and
Funeral Planning brochures are available in the
Narthex.

WEDDING

With God's blessings, we announce the marriage of:
Jennifer Girvan and Michael Schneider
united on April 2, 2017

Proverbs 3:3-6

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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CONGRATULATION GRADUATES! CLASS OF 2017

If you or a member of your immediate family are graduating from high school or college or are receiving a post-graduate or other advanced degree, we would like to know about it.

Send in the graduate's picture (no larger than 3" x 5").

If they are a high school graduate supply the name of the school they are graduating from as well as their plans for next year (name of college/career path).

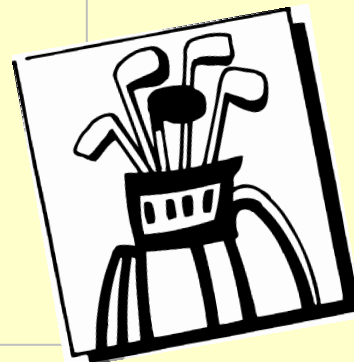
College graduates, please let us know the name of the college or university you are graduating from as well as the degree earned and any future plans.

All information can be given to APM, Sue Bochenek, program.Sue@comcast.net; or call for more information, 586-293-0700

CLC MIXED GOLF LEAGUE

Starts May 12, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.
Every other Friday

Anyone interested in playing or want more information, call Phil Tompkins
586-977-0548



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017

After four years of studying Luther's Small Catechism, our confirmands are prepared to make a public declaration of their faith and to promise that they will be faithful to Jesus as long as they live. This important milestone will take place at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 12th.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will enable them to be faithful to their Savior all the days of their lives. At this time it is also good for all of us to examine our own faithfulness to Jesus.

David Lowell Bruesehoff
Jason Michael Girvin
Sarah Kathleen Hauck
Ryan Elsworth Koschke
James Homero Mirisciotti
Logan Ray Ramsey
Rita Lynn Smith

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

Donation received for the Food pantry:
We thank you for all the good work you do for people in need. ~ Irmgard Grause, Treasurer, GBU Saxonia District 821

Thank you to the Fellowship and Evangelism committee for the wonderful Tea they provided for the New Member Sunday. Food was delicious and the surprise gift bag was nice.
~ Phyllis Burghardt

NEW GRIEFSHARE CLASS BEGINS IN

CLC is offering a new 13 week GriefShare class beginning Tuesday, May 2 – Aug 1 (off July 4th) @ 11am.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Call Christ Lutheran Church to register. 586.293.0700



New Sunday Bible Study Underway!

Join Pastor on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. between the Worship Service in the Educational Unit. Each Sunday is a new city or town. This is a five week series. Not too late to join us!
April 23 – Capernaum: Jesus Binds the Evil One
April 30 – Decapolis: The Other Side- Jesus and the Man from the Tombs.
May 7 – Crucifixion: The Coronation of a King.
May 14 - Ascension: The King takes His Throne.
May 21 – Pentecost: God Changed His Address.

Join Pastor Cave as he guides you through the land of the Bible in a DVD. In each lesson, author, Ray Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and Scriptures. Filmed on location the film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.



BLOOD DRIVE COMING May 17

From 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
It's easy to save lives! By committing to give blood, you help ensure that blood is available when it is needed most. Give blood now by scheduling your donation. See the sign-up sheet on bulletin board across from the APM's office.



WE SERVE, CARE & REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND CHURCH FAMILY

A complete homebound list that includes birthdays and addresses is available through the church office. Contact Tammy Lozen at churchoffice.tammy@comcast.net or call, 586-293-0700 during office hours.

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| <p>June Christ Today Newsletter articles due the first week of June.</p> <p>REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.</p> | <p>1 9:30 a.m. Prayer group 6:30 p.m. S-Anon</p> | <p>2 11:00 a.m. GriefShare 12:30 p.m. Evangelsim</p> | <p>3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 8th grade Catechism</p> | <p>4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 11:00 a.m. Drop-in Grief mtg 5:45 p.m. Praise band 6:00 p.m. Singers 4 Christ 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Catechism 8th graders 7:00 Vocal Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6 8:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Grandmother, Friend Banquet 2-5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>7 NAME TAG SUNDAY Blood pressure Monitoring Communion served at 9:00 a.m. 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 p.m. Bowling</p> | <p>8 9:30 a.m. Prayer group 6:30 p.m. S-Anon</p> | <p>9 9:00 a.m. Pins and Needles 11:00 a.m. GriefShare</p> | <p>10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 8th grade Catechism</p> | <p>11 5:45 p.m. Praise band 6:00 p.m. Singers 4 Christ 6:30 p.m. 8th grade Rehersal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 Vocal Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13 6:00 p.m. Euchre March out Hunger is today.</p> |
| <p>14 MOTHER'S DAY Communion served at 11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Worship Mtg</p> | <p>15 9:30 a.m. Prayer group 6:30 p.m. S-Anon</p> | <p>16 11:00 a.m. GriefShare 12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m. Daily Bread Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Executive Mtg</p> | <p>17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TODAY 2- 7 P.M. 6:30 p.m. 8th grade Catechism</p> | <p>18 9:00 a.m. Mailing Grp 11:00 a.m. Drop-in Grief mtg 5:45 p.m. Praise band 6:00 p.m. Singers 4 Christ 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 Vocal Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> |
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| <p>28 ASCENSION SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP Communion Served</p> | <p>29 Memorial Day Church office is closed</p> | <p>30 11:00 a.m. GriefShare</p> | <p>31</p> | | | |

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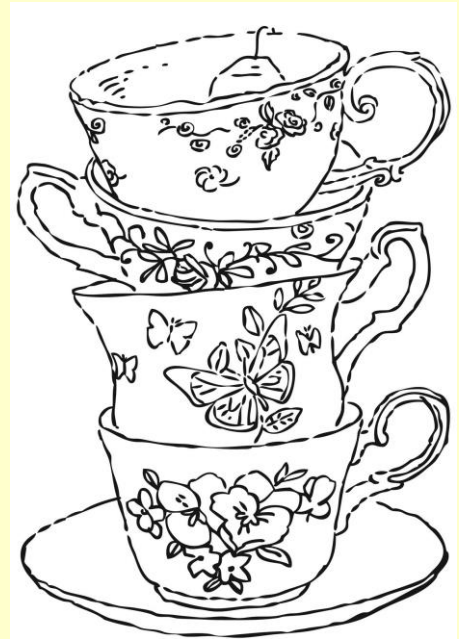
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CLC DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

On Saturday May 13, the USPS carriers will be collecting non-perishable canned and boxed foods through the "Stamp Out Hunger" annual event. We have been blessed by these diligent mail carriers for the past three years. This will be taking place again this year with five postal carriers. For anyone who has time on Sat. May 13th, we are seeking volunteers any time after 1pm. Please indicate on the blue sheet or notify the church office that you're interested in helping. Tasks include: unloading the bags from USPS trucks, empty the bags, write expired dates on each canned/boxed item, sort them into categories and box them. Any donated item with an expired date will be set aside and not allowed in the pantry. Also, pantry visitors have expressed how this pantry is exceptional, because these food items are always up-to-date. The month of March served the largest amount so far this year. Some sixty-four

individuals (of twenty-seven households) received help compared to fifty-one (of twenty-three) in February, and forty-nine (of twenty one households) in January.



New Member Tea

LWR LENTEN YOUTH COLLECTION



100 kits were put together by our youth last month, thanks to your participation. THANK YOU!!!!

New members join our church family on Sunday, April 2, during the 9:00 and the 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. A special tea was given in their honor. The congregation, guests and new church members enjoyed a delightful fellowship.

- + Nancy Wieczorek
- + Phyllis Burghardt
- + Lynn Lusk
- + Isabel Matthews

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Kroger Community Rewards

All CLC members who have directed their Kroger points to The Daily Bread Food Pantry need to **re-enroll** so the pantry continues to receive dollars from this program. Enrollment ends the ended in April.

All participants must sign-up for the program in order to earn funds for your group during May 2017 – April 2018.

Check out page one for Special Worship Service information.

For the latest updates – check out our website and church calendar.

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