

# CHRIST TODAY

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

## SPECIAL DATES

- Transfiguration – 3/2
- Name Tag Sunday. – 3/2,4/6
- Blood pressure ck. - 3/2,4/6
- Worship mtg.- 3/2, 4/6
- Craft Night - 3/4, 4/1
- Evangelism mtg. – 3/4,4/1
- Parish Ed. Mtg. - 3/6, 4/14
- Bible Study - 3/19, 4/2,4/16
- Grief Share - 3/13, 4/10
- Euchre – 38, 4/12
- Youth Grp-3/14,3/28,4/11, 4/25
- Staff Mtg – 3/11,3/25,4/8,4/22
- Pins & Needles-3/11,4/25,4/8,4/22
- Exec. Meeting – 3/11, 4/8
- Pantry Distribution -3/18
- Council Meeting – 3/18, 4/15
- Spring Potluck - 3/23
- Prayer Night - 3/27,4/24
- Ash Wednesday – 3/5
- Lenten Meals Services – 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9
- Palm Sunday - 4/13
- Easter Egg Hunt - 4/13
- Maundy Thursday – 4/17
- Good Friday – 4/18
- Easter Vigil - 4/19
- Easter Sunday - 4/20

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Christ Lutheran Families,

Receive my heartfelt greetings in the precious name of our High priest – Jesus Christ! I know some of you are geographically far from the church and some of you, because of health issues, couldn't join us in person during our regular services. However, we thank God that most of you have been watching online. Today in this newsletter, I want to share with you the disciples on the Emmaus Road.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. Luke 24:13-16 (NIV)

So, these two friends were walking home from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. It's about 7 miles from Jerusalem, or 10 kilometers. They were in a desperate situation, disappointed and left without hope. When Jesus died, they saw him, and they were quite sure that all their hope was destroyed. What we sense from the conversation they had is that nobody could have convinced them to turn back to Jerusalem.

The last time they saw Jesus, He was dead. He was gone. They thought he was never coming back. They'd made it through the last couple days, but were sad and depressed. Then they heard word from several women who followed Jesus that his body wasn't in the tomb and that angels had appeared to them saying Jesus was alive. They didn't believe it and just felt more confusion and darkness. They'd come to Jerusalem for the Passover feast and now it was time for them to go home.

What had happened Easter morning was something extraordinary. The light of the resurrection had already started to shine over the on darkness of Jerusalem. Peter and the other disciples, including Mary and Mary Magdalene, had already tested the joy and some of them had already met Jesus- the resurrected Lord. But in the midst of all these dramatic events, there were Emmaus disciples who were living in their own world and hadn't seen or understood what had happened in the spiritual world.

How about when you look for God but can't sense his presence? We look for him, and we're told by our pastors and more spiritual friends the "he is right there!" but we just can't see him for ourselves. Instead of sensing God, you feel like he's gone or like he'll talk to anyone but you. When you can't see God or sense Christ's presence, what should you do? That's a dark place to be at but it's similar to where some of Jesus' followers found themselves Sunday after his crucifixion. Resurrection is hidden from their sight. Where there is no message of resurrection, there is no hope, there is no future, no vision, and life is meaningless! I just want to share this as a challenge to each and every one of us who should be responsible to spread the news of the resurrection to those who still do not know that Jesus conquered death and was resurrected for our righteousness. They need to hear, they need to be back to meet him. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, let us pray for those who are on Emmaus Road (the road that leads us astray from the resurrection news) so that they may come back to the empty tomb and be witnesses of the resurrection. May God bless you & keep you safe!



## Called To Glory

Since the printing of our last newsletter, members of our church family have departed from earthly life and entered into their eternal home.

### Andrew Jablonski

Born: 4-10-1937

Departed: 1- 7 -2025

### Lawrence Oser

Born: 2/15/1953

Departed: 1/27/2025

### William Roye

Born : 10/11/1952

Departed: 1/18/2025

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed from death to life. John 5:24



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank you!

CLC Church Family,

Thank you Pastor and congregation for your support, and prayers for healing and strength for our mom, Marion, and brothers, Gary Runde and Larry Modrich. They are greatly needed and appreciated.

Yours in Christ, the Runde families.

## FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who donated Disaster Health Kits for our Owosso Warehouse. The victims of disasters will be blessed by your generosity. We appreciate your participation.

## Daily Bread Pantry

March has arrived! Many people are struggling to be patient for the awakening of spring, the blooming flowers, an increase in temperatures and daylight. At the same time, we tend to forget that someone else is experiencing tougher times than ourselves.

Every other month, several Macomb County with financial woes visit the Daily Bread Food Pantry. They struggle with a low-fixed income, are without work, or have special needs, leading to financial woes. This pantry has also received requests from people who used to get help from another church which shut down last spring. But one common challenge is how to survive on social security, alone, when experiencing ever – increasing daily expenses.

On January 21, most local pantries were closed due to Polar vortex and frigid temperatures. The windchills were about 15 to 20 degrees below zero. However, four pantry volunteers from Christ Lutheran came fully prepared in several layers of clothing. In all, some 37 vehicles, about 90 individuals, were served in one hour. Some extra boxes were quickly assembled by a volunteer as more people showed up than the actual estimate. Despite the church office being closed for day, Pastor Hunde came to assist, and shared dialogues with visitors, They smiled with comments on how surprised they were to be able to come and receive food items. Indeed, this was an extra special day, because all volunteers were thankful that God provided the lifetime essentials, giving volunteers comfort and warmth, along with the ability to serve when other places cancelled the opportunity. A special thank you to the volunteers who served on that dangerous, bitterly cold day.

With Lent and Easter upon us, let's take the time every day to give Him thanks for all the ways that God blesses us from having a roof over our head, a church to share worship, and food on the table. May you and your loved ones be blessed this Easter.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

March 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
10:00 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP						
Services are in-person & Live Streamed						1
<b>2</b> Transfiguration <b>Name Tag Sunday</b> Worship Service at 10 am with Holy Communion  10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 - Blood Pressure 11:15 - <b>Coffee Hour</b> 11:15 - Catechism 11:15 - Worship Mtg.	<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayer group  5:30 Genesis  7:30 Handbells	<b>4</b> 12:30 Evangelism & SC meeting 6 pm Craft Night	<b>5</b> Ash Wed. services at 11am/7 pm  No Bible Study  Lenten Meal at 6 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  2-5 pm Euchre
<b>9</b> Worship Service at 10 am with communion  10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:15 Catechism	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayer group  5:30 p.m. CLC Praise Band 6:00 Parish Ed 7:30 Handbells	<b>11</b> 10 am Staff Meeting  10-12 Pins & Needles  6:30 Exec Meeting	<b>12</b> Lenten Meal at 6 pm  Lenten service at 7 pm	<b>13</b> 12:00 Grief Share	<b>14</b> 6-8 Youth Group	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Worship Service at 10:00  10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 - Coffee Hour 11:15 - Catechism	<b>17</b> 9:30am Prayer grp.  5:30 Genesis 7:00 Handbells	<b>18</b>  12-1 Pantry Distribution  6:30 Council Meeting	<b>19</b> Bible Study at 11 am only  Lenten meal at 6 pm  Lenten service at 7 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Service at 10 am with communion  10:00 Sunday School  11:15 Catechism  11:15 - Coffee Hour - April Birthday celebrated Spring Pot Luck <b>30</b> Youth-led service at 10 am	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Prayer Group  7:30 Handbells <b>31</b> 9:30 Prayer Group 5:30 Praise Band 7:30 Handbells	<b>25</b> 10 am Staff Meeting	<b>26</b>  Lenten meal at 6 pm  Lenten service at 7 pm.	<b>27</b> 7:00 Prayer Night	<b>28</b> 6-8 Youth Group	<b>29</b>



**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**April 2025**

**SUN                      MON                      TUES                      WED                      THURS                      FRI                      SAT**

**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP**

<p><b>Services are in-person &amp; Live Streamed</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> 12:30 pm. Evangelism Mtg 6-8 Craft Night</p>	<p><b>2</b> Bible Study 11 am only Lenten meal 6 pm Lenten service 7 pm</p>			
<p><b>6</b> <b>Name Tag Sunday</b> Worship Service at 10 am with Holy Communion  10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 - Catechism 11:15 - <b>Coffee Hour</b> 11:30 - Blood Pressure Ck 11:30 - Worship Mtg.</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayer group  5:30 Genesis  7:30 Handbell</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10 am Staff Meeting  10-12 pm Pins &amp; Needles  6:30 pm Exec Mtg.</p>	<p><b>9</b>  Lenten meal 6 pm  Lenten service at 7 pm  Daylight savings time</p>	<p><b>10</b>  12:00 Grief Share</p>	<p><b>11</b>  6 – 8:00 Youth Group</p>	<p><b>12</b>  2-5 pm Euchre</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:00 am Spring Breakfast Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 am With holy communion Youth Performance 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Catechism 11:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayer group  5:30 p.m. CLC Praise Band  6:00 Parish Ed  7:30 Handbell</p>	<p><b>15</b>  6:30 Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b> Bible Study 11 am only</p>	<p><b>17</b>  7 pm Maundy Thursday with communion</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>Good Friday</b> <b>12 and 7 pm</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>  Easter Vigil 6-7:30 pm</p>
<p><b>20</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship Service at 10:00 am with Holy Communion  10:00 - Sunday School 11:15 - Catechism 11:15 - Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:30am Prayer grp.  5:30 Genesis  7:30 Handbell</p>	<p><b>22</b>  10 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  7 pm Prayer Night</p>	<p><b>25</b>  6 – 8:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> Worship Service at 10 am  10:00 – Sunday School 11:15 – Catechism 11:15 – Coffee Hour – April Birthday celebrated</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:30 am Prayer Group  5:30 pm CLC Praise Band 7:30 Handbell</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>			

# YOUNG AT HEART Age 50+



## MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

**The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and  
be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.  
Num 6:24-26**

Theresa Brudzynsky	3/1
Phyllis Skora	3/1
Jeri Tompkins	3/2
Annette Brow	3/5
Bernd Doetzkie	3/5
Helen Doetsch	3/7
Margaret Donkin	3/7
Joe Dzielski	3/7
Jeff Lozen	3/7
Sue Bochenek	3/10
Jonathan Centner	3/10
Noreen Henning	3/15
Ray Brudzynsky	3/17
Rich Bull	3/19
Charles Mirisciotti	3/19
Mike Daniels	3/23
Frank Naugo	3/23
Betty Stutzky	3/25
Steve DeAndy	3/26
Connie Miller	3/29
Joyce Caganac	3/31
Lynn Lusk	3/31

*Happy Anniversary*

**Bob & Ann Slavko  
March 8 56 years**



**Send a card & share a wish with  
our Young at heart 50+ Seniors of  
CLC**

Rex Mize	4/4
Debbie Dzielski	4/8
Kathi Frezza	4/8
Charlene Catey	4/10
Andy Jablonski	4/10
Donna Schiesel	4/10
Lois Bartlett	4/11
Susan Muhme	4/11
Nancy Hynick	4/19
Ed Marcotte	4/19
Debbie Hasson	4/20
Nancy Vrana	4/20
Karen Malugin	4/23
Amy Herbst	4/24
Kathryn Botalitto	4/26
Michael Schneider	4/26
Matthew Titherage	4/26
Milton Lobstein	4/29
Donna Cavanaugh	4/30
Jenny Schneider	4/30

*Happy Anniversary*

**Daniel & Bobbye Nicholson  
April 15 64 years**



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### Church Office Hours

**Mon. – Thurs: 9am – 2:00pm**

**Friday – 9:00 am - noon**

## From the President **HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

This continues to be the promise and blessing to us as Christians. We invite you to join us every Sunday, in person or via Live Stream, as we continue to study and celebrate the Lenten and Easter season. Christ lived, was crucified, died, and rose from the dead so that our sins are forgiven, and we might live with the knowledge that one day we will join our Lord in heaven. With the improving weather, it is easier for us to get out and join our services in person, which also allows us a greater opportunity to socialize and get to know our church family better. Spring really is on the way and reminds us that each year there is a continuous renewal of life. We should use this as a reminder to renew our faith in Christ as He is with us through all of life's changes and challenges.

During Lent, Pastor will continue his Wednesday Bible Study at 11 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. A dinner offered by your Council members will be served at 6 pm before each Wednesday night service. We are continuing with our Youth Group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from 6-8 pm. Please bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors for some fun, a meal and Bible story. During this time, our Young Adults (16-35 yrs) also gather, have a meal, entertainment, pray and share experiences. There is a Grief Share program that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at noon each month. Please continue to check the calendar in the newsletter and the CLC website for the schedule of events. The Kiosk in the Narthex also shares weekly updated information. If interested in any of these activities, please call the office to sign up or just drop in.

So many of our congregation have suffered from the various viruses that have plagued us this winter. Prayers continue for those in need of healing of mind, body, and spirit, as well as those suffering the loss of loved ones. Please call the office if you are in need of prayers, pastoral counseling, a visit, assistance with planning necessary related events, or to place your prayer requests on the blue sheets. Also please contact the church office if you are in need of a ride to church services. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to contact the church office or Pastor Hunde if considering becoming a member of Christ Lutheran Church. If you know of anyone searching for a church home, please encourage them to visit and let us know they are joining us so that we might make them feel welcome.

We look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Gothro, Council President



## Memorials and Honorariums

### In Memory of Bonnie Denzel

Gift is designated to Capital Improvement

Given by: Carol Coles

### In Memory of Cora & George Jandreau

Gift is undesignated

Given by: Brian & Sandy Roney and  
Mike Jandreau

### In Memory of Joseph Kolton

Gift is undesignated

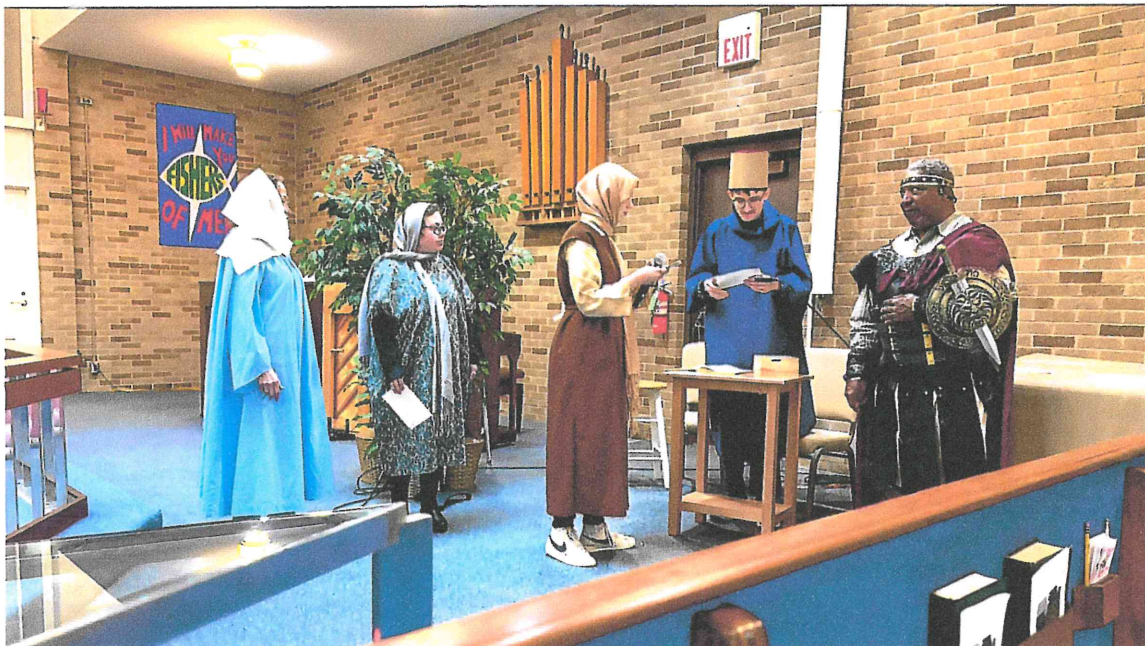
Given by: Karina Iannicello, Izabella,  
Lucas & Anna Kolton

### In Memory of Gary Miceli

Gift for Thanksgiving Baskets

Given by: Sherry Carroll

## Zacchaeus



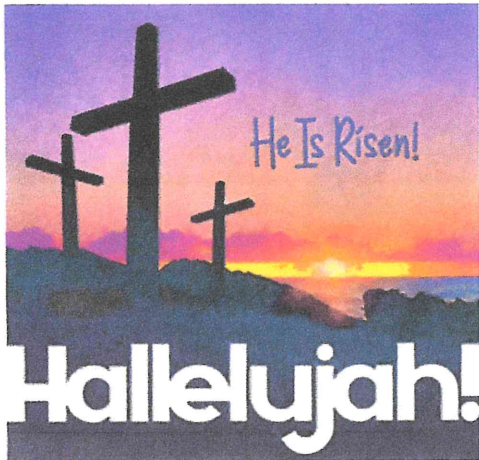
There were nearly 20 youth and adults portraying biblical characters in the skit Zacchaeus During the 10 am service on Feb. 2. The story of the tax collector was directed by Evelyn Hudson-Wright, Youth and Family Ministry.



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The Information Technology team, comprised of Steve Brown, Glenn Sopfe and Allan Mullins, work on the 48-channel digital mixer which controls the sound and video elements both in the Sanctuary and the livestream broadcast.

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