

## Christ Lutheran Church

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Sunday school 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am



# April 2024

## Christ's Messenger

*The Heart of Christ, in the Midst of Greater Mantua"*



CHRIST *Lutheran* CHURCH

## 2024 Officers

### Council:

Melisa Pozwick	President
Anna Lee Heint	Vice-President
Diane Lottig	Secretary
Tim Snodgrass	Treasurer
John Heint	Financial Sec

### Committee Chairpersons

Katherine Flynn	Head Deacon
Brian Pozwick	Head Trustee
Christina Eaton	Education Director

## A Message from Pastor Blake...

The truth of the Christian faith depends solely on the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. The identification of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, from which we derive our articles of faith, is dependent on Jesus' resurrection from the dead. If Jesus has been raised, then the Christian faith is true. If Jesus has not been raised, then the Christian faith is false.

The bodily resurrection of Jesus is a stamp of divine approval on everything Jesus ever said or did during

His earthly ministry. That Jesus was raised indicates that the power which raised Him is greater than the forces of nature. That Jesus of Nazareth was raised and not some other person shows intent. Jesus' resurrection directly affirms His proclamation that God's kingdom (the restoration of heaven and earth) had arrived in Him and that He would be glorified by the God of Israel. By raising Jesus this power directly confirms the proclamation of Jesus, revealing itself to be personal, the one we call

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## Pastor's Message Continues

God. Hence God has vindicated Jesus' person and deeds by glorifying Him and beginning the restoration of the heavens and earth with Jesus' resurrection from the dead in whom the kingdom of God has indeed come.

Therefore, since Jesus has been ratified by God through His resurrection, everything He did and said is ratified and trustworthy. Since Jesus proclaimed the God of Israel to be the one true God, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, His resurrection verifies that the one true God of heaven and earth is none other than the God of Israel. Since Jesus claimed to be equal to the God of Israel and to be His unique Son, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, His resurrection verifies that He is equal to the God of Israel, true God of true God, and is indeed His divine Son. Since Jesus confessed the writings of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, to be God's word by quoting them as having divine authority, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, we know that the Old Testament is indeed God's authoritative word. Since Jesus appointed apostles to proclaim His word and represent Him in the world, and Jesus has been raised from the dead, we know that the word of the apostles and their followers preserved for us in the New Testament have Jesus' authority and hence are also the word of God.

Consequently, the Christian faith stands or falls on Jesus' resurrection. We call ourselves Christians because everything we believe and confess goes back to and is dependent upon the person of Jesus the Christ who was justified in everything He said and did by His resurrection from the dead. Christ is risen!

Pastor Blake

### **MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR APRIL**

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
1 Corinthians 15:56-57

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Spring Break - Arcade**

April 5<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 - 8 PM

### **Directory Photoshoot**

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Community Meal**

April 17<sup>th</sup>  
5-6:30 PM

### **Evangelism Meeting**

April 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM

### **Corn and Brats/ Church Picnic Meeting**

will be after church on  
April 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Women's Guild Meeting**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 PM

### **VBS Meeting**

Apr 24<sup>th</sup>  
7 PM

### **Council Meeting**

Apr 27<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM

# Worship Schedule

“Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>Communion</b>		<b>Communion</b>	
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Lange	Melisa Pozwick	Linda Hobson	Pat South
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jameson Flynn	Abigail Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Jameson Flynn
<b>YACA</b>	Jon Pozwick	N/A	Evan Goodell	N/A
<b>Reader</b>	Eric Chism	Ruth Martzowka	Tracy Stamm	Anna Lee Heinl
<b>Ushers</b>	Kat Flynn	Jon Pozwick	Amy Toothman	Larry Q
	Jameson Flynn	Melisa Pozwick	Katie Toothman	Joanne Q
<b>Media</b>	Christina Eaton	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick	Melisa Pozwick
<b>Power Point</b>	Lexi Ballard	Jon Pozwick	Amy Toothman	Lexi Ballard
<b>Deacon</b>	Joanne Q	Tracy Stamm	Larry Q	Nathan Goodell
<b>Elder</b>	Brian Lottig	Brian Lottig	Brian Lottig	Brian Lottig

**Have you thought about Serving?** We have several ways for you to serve Christ that don't require any additional time other than what you are already doing – during each worship service we have ushers, readers, greeters & worship tech. None of these require any special skills other than a heart for giving. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board, weekly bulletin, and monthly newsletter. Please contact the church office to be put on the schedule, at (330) 274-2849 or email at [clcmantua737@yahoo.com](mailto:clcmantua737@yahoo.com)

## 4 C's Local Food Pantry

**April** donations being collected are

**Pancake Syrup**

**Instant Mashed Potatoes**

**Canned Sloppy Joe Mix**

Please place donations in the basket in the narthex marked “4 C's”

*Christ Lutheran Church is a drop-off location for the 4C's*

## **-VBS- Save the date! June 24th-28th**

This years theme Pets Unleashed!

5pm -Meal served daily

6-8:30pm VBS

A planning meeting will be held Wednesday April 24th at 7pm Meeting in the fellowship hall.

Amazon wish list and volunteer meeting coming soon!

## **-Sunday School News**

Thank you to everyone who came, set up, and cleaned up the Community Easter Egg Hunt. We had approximately 75-100 participants. Each participant got a goody bag with an invitation to VBS, pancake breakfast, and included our church and Sunday school hours. What a wonderful way to witness to the community God's love for all.

We are continuing our growth in the Concordia Enduring Faith Unit 4 lessons.

## **-Cookbook Fundraiser**

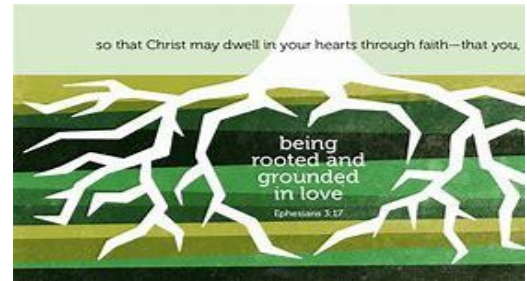
Please keep entering your recipes! We have until April 12th to enter them. We are at just under 200 and need to be at 250.

**Look forward to more details about our book launch party! Plan to bring a dish you entered for a potluck of epic proportions!**

Youth need to be filling out and returning the get-to-know-you pages and photos to Christina by April 15th.

### ***Reminder!***

***Youth Worship Night at Gloria Dei is Sunday April 7th please let Christina know if you are coming, bringing friends, and/or need a ride.***



## **Sunday School**

**9:45-10:45 am**

3 classrooms

Ages 3-6yrs Hannah Owen

Ages 7-12yrs Christina Eaton

Youth 13 and up Melisa Pozwick

**Snack sign up posted on Sunday School board.**

2023-2024 Sunday School Theme

**“Rooted in Christ’s Love”**

Ephesians 3:17

## **Spring Break Boredom Buster**

All ages welcome. Free to attend!

Friday, April 5th 5:30pm to 8pm

**Party and Play Arcade**

(Inside Aurora Farms)

549 S Chillicothe Rd #130

Aurora, OH 44202

Please sign up by **April 2nd.**

Unlimited Play in the Bounce House, Cannon Ball Blaster and Mad Wave theater. We have the party room for a meal. Each participant will get a goodie bag of game tokens. More tokens will be available to purchase. Challenge your teacher to a game!





## Easter Egg Hunt 2024







## Trustees:

-Plans are being made to install central air conditioning in the parsonage. Expected material costs are \$2,500. Installation will be completed by a team of church members for free. We want to have this installed by the end of May. We are asking for donations to cover the cost of materials.

-Mowing season is upon us. If you are interested in mowing, please submit your proposed cost ASAP. This year mowing and trimming will include the parsonage. If enough church members are willing to donate their time on a rotating basis, that would save the church some money. Text John at 330-697-5486 with your bid or desire to help out.

## Evangelism Committee:

We have put together a handout of local places that will help support our community. It is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have information that may help that are not on the list, please contact Hannah Owen.

**Reminder** – Bring your Smiles.....Sign up for Pictures for the updated Directory. The dates and times are below. We also need each Committee to sign up to get your group in the directory. We want to get it out by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Time for all days is 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.*

Corn and Brats/Church Picnic meeting will be after church on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We need the deacons along with anyone interested in helping and planning.

The next Evangelism meeting will be Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Join us for Coffee Hour - 2nd Sundays after service.  
Our next one is April 14th hosted by the elders.**



# Women's Ministry

All Women in the  
Congregation

## LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

April 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm

The free meals are served the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Christ Lutheran Church downstairs Fellowship Hall.

If you and your friends would like to help (you don't have to be a member to help), contact Diane Lottig at (330) 274-2868 for what is needed.

We could use a few more volunteers to sign up for *Coffee Stewards*. This position is simple. Clean up coffee area after service, dispose of any left-over coffee (varies each week!), and general tidying of area. Bring a treat to share if you wish but not required. Many hands make light work. Sign up is in the narthex.



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Rummage Sale: July 26 & 27  
9 AM to 1 PM

Mantua Farmers Market 9 AM to 1 PM  
Plant and Misc. Sales – May 18 & 25  
Regular Season – July 13 – September 21  
All dates are Saturdays  
More info to come!



## Construction Committee:

This will be my last update on the Property Improvement Campaign. All three major phases of the project have been completed (Fellowship Hall Bathroom Renovation, Lower Parking Lot Reconstruction, and Entranceway Restoration). I will continue to work with the team to button up a few remaining items, but all major work has been completed! The latest work was the installation of the light post that was fashioned from one of the historical architectural columns that was left from the rubble of the hardware store that burned down in downtown Mantua. Fabrication was required to make the column function as a lamp post. That was completed and the post was painted with final installation just before Easter Sunday.

I was blessed to be able to work with such a generous, capable team of experts (mostly volunteers from the church) to make this significant project such a success. Many thanks to ALL!!

Future activities are still being discussed, but I would expect them to include things like the creation of a walking path in the wooded area on the west of the property, a pavilion and playground, amongst other ideas. Please participate as you can in the planning, financial support, fund raising and construction of the upcoming Futures Improvement Campaign.

Tim Snodgrass



## **Chairman's Message:**

We want to acknowledge Jameson Flynn for his amazing achievement in Cub Scouts. Jameson received the highest honor in Cub Scouts with the Arrow of Light. He worked many hours to get that badge. He has now crossed over to Boy Scouts and he will truly succeed there too. Congratulations and we look forward to supporting you in your Boy Scout travel. It was nice to see the turn out from the Church to Jameson's Arrow of Light Ceremony. It shows how passionate we are in supporting our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The past month was filled with our lent services and soup dinners. It was nice to see everyone participating and enjoying the fellowship. I also want to thank everyone who helped with the events during March. It was nice to see new faces and share our church with our friends in the community. We had an individual from Cleveland come to our Easter Egg Hunt with her 2 children. Please look out as we are getting into our busy season with spring cleanup, additional help with building improvements, other community activities and more fellowship.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 440-547-3027 or send an email to [clcmantua737@yahoo.com](mailto:clcmantua737@yahoo.com).

## **Council Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

## **Treasurer's Message:**

I apologize for the absence of information from me over the past few months.

Following is our financial data from the past 3 months:

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income	YTD Net
Dec 23	\$13,936	\$9,976	\$3,960	-\$3,942
Jan 24	\$14,128	\$10,922	\$3,206	\$3,206
Feb 24	\$10,573	\$13,299	-\$2,726	\$480

Tim Snodgrass

God answers prayer.  
At Christ Lutheran, we know the power of  
prayer.

Ezekiel 22:30 says, *"I looked for a man  
among them who would build up the wall  
and stand before me IN THE GAP on behalf  
of the land."*

GAP, (God Answers Prayer), is one of these  
prayer ministries. Those who serve in this  
ministry serve in the gap that Ezekiel  
wrote of as they are available to pray for  
people.

Please contact Barb Goodell who will  
begin the prayer chain for your need.

#### **GAP MINISTRY**

<b>Barb Goodell</b>	<b>330-274-2161</b>
<b>Hannah Owen</b>	<b>330-931-0839</b>
<b>Kelly Britt</b>	<b>330-357-1101</b>
<b>Diane Lottig</b>	<b>330-274-2868</b>
<b>Linda Hobson</b>	<b>330-562-8327</b>
<b>June Zamecnik</b>	<b>330-281-7202</b>
<b>Tracy Stamm</b>	<b>330-571-0304</b>
<b>Shirley Bellar</b>	<b>330-281-8327</b>
<b>Anna Lee Heinl</b>	<b>330-842-2080</b>
<b>Joanne Quesenberry</b>	<b>330-274-2991</b>
<b>Christina Eaton</b>	<b>234-703-9735</b>
<b>Pat South</b>	<b>330-257-0948</b>
<b>Ellen Froelich</b>	<b>330-274-2081</b>

## **Prayers for Hope, Healing, Comfort & Guidance**

### **Members**

Frank Stein & Family  
Linda Clark & Family

### **Shut-ins**

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs, June Stein,  
Kay & Jill Kravcisin

### **Friends & Family**

Steven Blunk, Dennis Reed, Debbie Haylett,  
Michelle Paul, Don Dean, Patty & Denny Pesecky,  
Bob Havener, Clair Havener,  
Lisa Bey

### **Military Service**

Caleb Dean Pete  
Robert South

## **Birthday Blessings on your special day and throughout the year!**

Lennon Ricksecker	4/8
Shannon Goodrich	4/9
Braylon Head	4/19
Logan Goodrich	4/27
Janice Kilroy	4/29
Logan Ballentine	4/30

