

## Christ Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am



# May 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...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,  
Thank you so much for the birthday celebration in March. These and other acts of kindness and willingness to serve one another manifest what Christ Lutheran Church is, the family of God in Mantua. I consider myself truly blessed to be your brother and pastor.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Blake

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is a comfort for the Christian. The same Lord who saw the plight of the sick, demon-possessed, outcasts, and sinners is the same Jesus who now rules over all things as God and man at the right hand of God the Father. The same Jesus who has promised life to those who believe in

Him died for the forgiveness of humanity's sins, and rose to conquer death on behalf of all humanity is the one who directs all things towards its final goal: the restoration of all things (Acts 3:21). Seated in divine majesty, the risen and ascended Jesus watches over, sustains,

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## Pastor's Message Continues

and cares for all creation, even you.

God the Son is not some out-of-touch despot with more power and authority than He deserves. He is not the sort of leader who seeks positions of honor and authority so that He can benefit Himself and the people closest to Him. The Lord is not some public personality who performs acts of charity for good publicity and tax cuts. Rather, He is the Lord who came down from heaven and became man, so that He might bear the infirmities and diseases of this fallen world in His body (Matthew 8:17). The Creator of heaven and earth became a creature so that you may receive the adoption as children, the redemption of your body (Romans 8:19).

The Lord reigns to put death and all your enemies underfoot (1 Corinthians 15:25). He has been exalted above all powers and authorities that He may be present with all things (Ephesians 1:23). Now you do not see His lordship with your eyes. On the final day, His rule will become manifest to all eyes when death gives way to life, suffering to joy, injustice to justice, sin to righteousness, and shame to honor. In the meantime, you know that Christ Jesus is watching over us, that He hears the prayers of His people, and that He directs all things towards your salvation. Such waiting is not easy. So, with the Church of every age, we eagerly cry, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Pastor Blake

### **MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR MAY**

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### **VBS Meeting**

May 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 PM

### **National Day of Prayer Service**

@ St. Thomas  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7 PM

### **Mother's Day**

May 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Community Meal**

May 15<sup>th</sup>  
5-6:30 PM

### **Plant Sale**

May 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Potato Festival Meeting**

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

### **Plant Sale**

May 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Memorial Day**

May 27<sup>th</sup>

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

May 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

# Worship Schedule

“Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup> Communion</b>	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup> <i>Mother's Day</i></b>	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup> Communion</b>	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Lexi Ballard	Kat Flynn	Barb Lange	Melisa Pozwick
<b>Acolyte</b>	Natalie Goodell	Makenna B	Jameson Flynn	Logan Ballentine
<b>YACA</b>	Amy Toothman	N/A	Jon Pozwick	N/A
<b>Reader</b>	Ed Seigerst	Ron Stamm	Becca Goodell	Tim Snodgrass
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Lottig	Kat Flynn	Amy Toothman	Jon Pozwick
	Lexi Ballard	Jameson Flynn	Katie Toothman	Melisa Pozwick
<b>Media</b>	Melisa Pozwick	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton	Christina Eaton
<b>Power Point</b>	Jon Pozwick	Jon Pozwick	Lexi Ballard	Lexi Ballard
<b>Deacon</b>	Kat Flynn	Laura Cleavenger	Nathan Goodell	Joanne Q
<b>Elder</b>	Ron Stamm	Ron Stamm	Ron Stamm	Ron Stamm

**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

**May** donations being collected are

**Pancake Syrup**

**Instant Mashed Potatoes**

**Bar Soap**

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*

# Youth Education

**Christina Eaton**  
Christian Ed Director

## Sunday School News

We are starting Unit 5 this week! Watch the Sunday School Facebook page for fun weekly questions and details. Remember to invite a friend to VBS June 24th-June 28th Pets Unleashed.

**Our last day of Sunday School is June 9th join us for an end of season party @9:45am.**



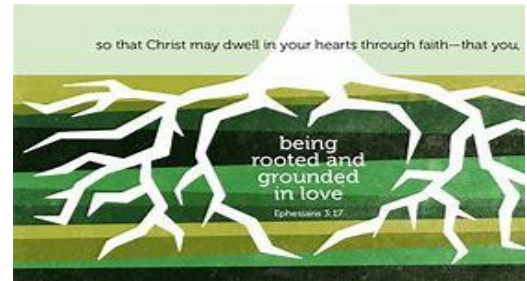
## VBS News

There is a VBS planning meeting Wed, May 1 at 630. A follow up meeting will be Thursday June 20th at 630pm.

Volunteers positions and donation items will be listed in the narthex.

We are serving dinner every night. We are requesting families to host 1 night of dinner. Prayerfully consider signing up for providing a kid friendly meal for approx. 30 people during the week of VBS. Meal time is 5pm to 6pm. We have 3 open spots.

*Christina & Melisa attended a conference in Galena, OH lead by the District about engaging youth and learned details of the Endure trip.*



## 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

## Youth News

Cookbook is still being edited. Watch the bulletin for ordering opportunity and the book launch party. THANK YOU to everyone who shared their recipes! I've seen some pretty tasty ones!

1st Sunday of the month we travel to Gloria Dei for youth worship. Please let Christina know if you are attending and need a ride. May 5th theme -Let's Taco-about Jesus.

VBS- please let Christina know if you can attend VBS as a youth leader. Many hands help make light work.

Next fundraiser for Endure will be in June at a local hardware store grilling treats outside stay tuned for details.





# Lutheran Church Extension Fund

› where investments build ministry

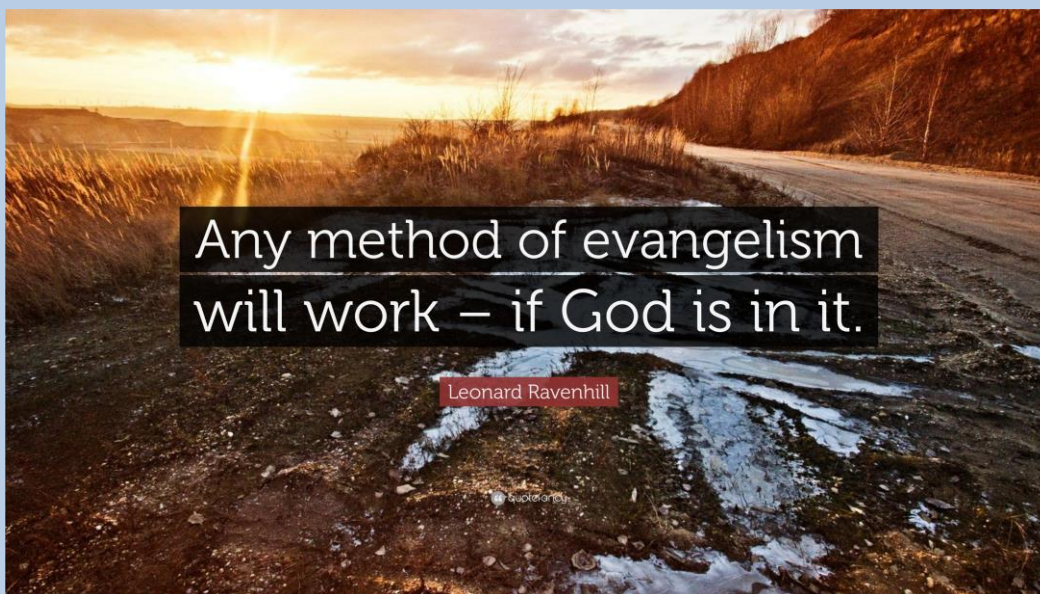
Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides customized loans for all individuals of the church. They are currently running an offer for new customers. There are flyers in the narthex on the bulletin board if you are interested in learning more.

## Evangelism Committee:

### PHOTO DIRECTORY:

If you did not get a chance to have your photo taken for the new photo directory, please speak with Kat Flynn ASAP so we can get you scheduled. Her number is 561-292-8127.

Also, we will be creating an Emergency Medical form for our members soon. We ask that you please fill this out so in case of an emergency we know how to help or who to contact. These will be confidential. If you have any issues please speak with Kat Flynn.



# Women's Ministry

All Women in the  
Congregation

## LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

May 15<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.

## 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!

Make plans to be a vendor or buyer at the Mantua Farmers Market sponsored by our Women's Guild. Pre-Season Plant and Miscellaneous Sales will be held from 9 AM – 1 PM in our lower parking lot on Saturday May 18 and 25. Regular Season runs from Saturday July 13 to September 21. Fees are \$5 per date and will be used for church projects. All types of items can be sold: eggs, honey, bakery, maple products, produce, seeds, plants, crafts, garage sale treasures, jam/jelly. Call Diane Lottig for details at 330-274-2868.



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

## 30<sup>th</sup> Ohio District Biennial Convention

Canton, Ohio

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**June 21-22, 2024**

\*Registration & Housing Forms  
available online at  
[www.lwmloho.org](http://www.lwmloho.org)

**Lutheran Women *in Mission***  
*of the Akron-Youngstown Zone*  
invite you to join us at the...

## 30<sup>th</sup> Ohio District Biennial Convention

Friday, June 21 and  
Saturday, June 22, 2024  
at the Holiday Inn, Canton, OH

\*Registration deadline for delegates-April 30

\*Registration deadline for all others-May 24

## Convention Theme

"The Lord is My Strength and My Shield"  
Psalm 28:7a

The Women's Guild will be collecting various items for different organizations before the convention.

1. Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank:  
collecting new disposable diapers in all sizes and new feminine period pads and tampons.
2. Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank:  
collecting boxed cereals, canned tuna, canned beef stew, canned vegetables, canned soup, and peanut butter.
3. Hope Rising: collecting Similac and Gerber baby formulas as well as baby shampoo and baby lotion.

Please join us in sharing Ruth and Pastor's joy  
as they prepare for their little girl or boy!

*If you do not wish to use the gift registry Ruth and Pastor are welcoming gift cards  
for things they may need later on.*



# BABY SHOWER

Honoring Ruth and Pastor Blake  
Martzowka

June

8

02:00 Pm

Ruth and Pastor Blake are registered at [Babylist.com](http://Babylist.com)  
Join us in a Diaper Raffle of varies sizes.

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RSVP to Katherine Flynn 561-292-8127



## Chairman's Message:

### Easter Brunch 2024



## Treasurer's Message:

Following is our financial data from the past 3 months:

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income	YTD Net
Jan 24	\$14,128	\$10,922	\$3,206	\$3,206
Feb 24	\$10,573	\$13,299	-\$2,726	\$480
Mar 24	\$11,754	\$10,490	\$1,263	\$1,743

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**

Becky & Dan Krichbaum, Hannah & Jerad Owen

### **Shut-ins**

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs,  
Kay & Jill Kravcisin

### **Friends & Family**

Steven Blunk, Michelle Paul, Patty & Denny  
Pesecky, Bob Havener, Clair Havener,  
Lisa Bey, Gary Edler

### **Military Service**

Caleb Dean Pete  
Robert South

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

Evelyn Arindita De	5/2
Janet Sandrick	5/3
Gay Wetshtein	5/3
Jenna Bellar	5/7
Sara Humr/Koerlin	5/7
Joshua Toothman	5/7
Carter Swires	5/15
Christina Eaton	5/16
Sherry Ballentine	5/22
Haydn Miller	5/27
Donna Snider	5/27
Denise Mlinarik	5/31