



PASTOR'S LETTER
LET'S TALK

You may have heard me tell about some in-depth conversations I've had recently on different days with guys that I had just met. One looked at homosexuality as not being sinful. Another found himself attracted to prayers offered to Allah. The concept of absolute truth was either not understood or not accepted by either guy. Despite being "leaders" in their own "Christian" churches, neither of them had a depth of understanding about God's Word that many of our first-graders have.

Sadly, I suspect these guys were more the norm than not. It should not come as a surprise to any of us that there is a war against the Bible and its truth. Satan always seems to start his work of deception by asking, "Has God said...?"

I hope you realize that the evil one seeks **not only** to keep unbelievers in the dark, but he also desires to lead **you** further from the Truth. Matthew 24:4 says, "See to it that no one misleads you." Ephesians 5:6 says, "Let no one deceive you." Similar thoughts are expressed in Gal. 6:7, 1 Cor. 6:9, and James 1:16. If God has to remind us that often...in fact, **He commands** us to not be deceived, then you know it's a real danger.

The danger starts with a shallow understanding of or appreciation for the Word of God. Knowing that the Word of God is a "light to our path" is key. To move away from the light is to move toward the darkness. Paul reminds us in his first chapter to the Romans that there are those who "suppress the truth by their wickedness." The refusal to embrace truth only leads to further deception. Hearts can become darkened—even among Christians.

While it's good for us to engage in respectful dialogue and discussions with people of all backgrounds, we cannot give ground on the truth of God's Word. In fact, it is through the hearing of that Word that faith is begun! (Romans 10:17) This broken world desperately needs what we have been freely given. So, I encourage you to strike up a conversation or two with anyone. Get to know a new person, and help them to know the Truth that will set them free! I'd love to help you in any way as you take on such an exciting adventure. Let's talk...to each other...and to anyone and everyone. We've got great stuff to share!

In Christ, Pastor Mark

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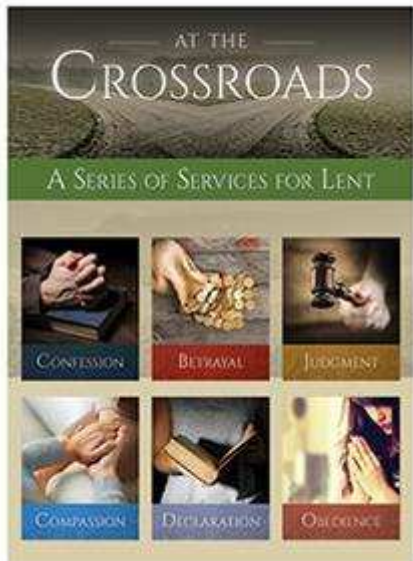
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH HOLY WEEK

Fifth Week of Lent | April 5th | Obedience

Palm Sunday | April 9th

NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH

Maundy Thursday | April 13th @ 6:30pm

Good Friday | April 14th @ 6:30pm

Easter Sunday | April 16th | Sunrise Service @ 6:30am followed by Resurrection Breakfast | Second Service 9:30am

Lenten services will be held in place of regular Wednesday night services at 6:30pm.

Lenten supper will be served each Wednesday evening during Lent at 5pm - 6:15pm. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex if you are able to provide any food items for supper. Please see Dave Solum with any questions.



JOYFUL FAITH CIRCLE

Pastor Mark presented his ideas for a young parents Bible study and the need for babysitters to free up the parents. "Blessings baskets" discussed. The group will do one for the free clinic in Chippewa Falls. Additional ideas for volunteer organizations that would benefit from receiving a "Blessings Basket" were collected and will be submitted to the secretary. Fundraising ideas discussed. Next commitment is to the Track and Field Day at the school in May. Missionaries and mission organizations that we support were reviewed. Missions prayers will be added to bulletin each week.

Bible study on Sarah continued with Sarah "fixing" God's promise of Issac. Doing it her way lead to Ishmael which became the beginnings of Islam. She failed the 'waiting and preparing' that was part of God's plan. Fortunately, God's forgiveness predates our mistakes. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us," Ron.5:8b

NEXT MONTH:

All women are invited and encouraged to attend!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH AT 9:30AM



congregational

MEETING

Catch up on what's happening here at Christ Lutheran Church. Plan to attend our annual congregational meeting.

Sunday, April 30, 2017
Following Worship Service
In the Fellowship Hall

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

APRIL

BAPTISM anniversary service

Join us at the Sunday, April 9th worship service in celebrating these children who were baptized at Christ Lutheran Church three years ago:

Olivia Paige Thompson / Baptized April 20, 2014

Nora Faith Kuechle / Baptized April 20, 2014

These children will receive their baptism keepsake and a continued commitment from the congregation to strengthen the gift of faith in their hearts.

*"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me;
and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."*

- Mark 9:37

KICK news



February's "Blessings Basket" was created by KICK thanks to Cari Alexander. The kids put together 19 bags of goodies for the 19 police officers of Lake Hallie along with hand made thank you cards. Thanks to donations from church members and a Thrivent grant an additional \$130 went to the care and maintenance of Lake Hallie's police dog. That's a lot of doggie treats! Actually, the money will go towards food, toys and treats. The police responded with a tour of the police station although the police dog had gone home for the day- too much petting might spoil the work! Many of the kids were able to sit in an actual police car! KICK received a terrific thank you card signed by all the officers. You can see it for yourself on the KICK bulletin board.

This week KICK will have a return appearance, by popular demand, to the Lake Halle Memory Care. They will sing Easter songs, visit with the residents and hand out fleece lap blanket to the residents. The kids made the blankets themselves as part of a KICK mission focus thanks to Amber Alexander's efforts and another Thrivent grant.

Next month is a fun activity month and we'll be going to Falls Bowling.

BIBLE STUDY CHILDcare

We are looking for volunteers with experience in caring for children that would be willing to babysit as needed during Bible study sessions. This would afford the young parents in our congregation to join our Bible study on Sundays after worship service.

If you feel called to serve this need, please contact Kari or Joelle in the office with your availability at (715) 723-8273.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jesus said, *"Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* - John 20:29

Jesus has risen from the dead! In the next forty days, Jesus appears to hundreds of followers. Then, on the Mount of Olives near Bethany, Jesus ascends into heaven. He has accomplished His mission, but He gives His people a mission

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always."
- Matthew 28:19-20

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN:

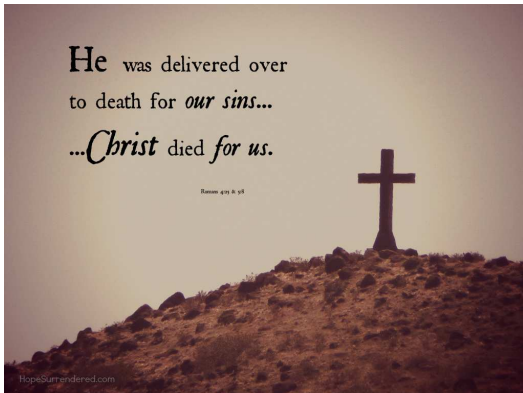
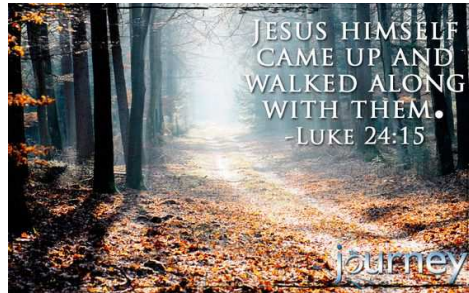
Lessons:

"Resurrection of Jesus" Matthew 28:1-10

"Empty Tomb" John 20:11-18

"Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road" Luke 24:13-35

"Peter and John Heal the Lame Man" Acts 3:10



1ST THRU 5TH GRADE LESSONS/ACTIVITIES:

"Easter Story" cinematic presentation

Redemptive Power (arts and crafts)

Recognize, Repent & Commit to Follow Jesus

Know It, Believe It (games)

Memory Verse: *"Neither death nor life...nor anything...will separate us from God's love."*

- Romans 8:38-39

Why should we tell others about Jesus? When you have great news, you don't hesitate to share, right? Because you are part of God's family, you have exciting news!

After Jesus rose from the dead, yet before He went to heaven, He gave those who followed Him a very important job. They were to share the Good News of His sacrifice for sin, and His resurrection from the dead.

You have something to say, you have something to give! Go and tell, "Jesus saves; He lives! We are forgiven, and will have eternal life in heaven."

SPECIAL NOTE:

No Children's Ministry Easter Sunday, April 16th!

Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."* - John 11:25

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

website

Be sure to check out our new website! Go to: christlutheranchippewafalls.com

Access the monthly newsletter, most recent Sunday sermon, worship times, church facebook page and much more. The website is a great tool in spreading the word about Christ Lutheran Church. Be sure to mention the site to people you know who are looking for a place of worship or for information about Christ Lutheran School as there is a convenient link to the school website as well.



Needed:
FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Please consider bringing in treats for fellowship following service on Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet located outside the kitchen in the fellowship hall.



APRIL confirmation

Acolyte Schedule:

- 4/2: Alisha Sommerfeld/Abbigail Volrath
- 4/9: Georgelle Benson / Jordan Bergevin
- 4/16: Nathan Cowell / Evan Freed
- 4/23: Abbigail Volrath / Georgelle Benson
- 4/30: Conrad Ledebuhr / Jordan Bergevin

Meal Providers:

- 4/5: Lenten Supper
 - 4/12: Sommerfeld
 - 4/19: *Meal Provider Needed
 - 4/26: *Meal Provider Needed
- *Please contact the office if you are able to provide a meal on this evening.

RAISING CHRISTIAN KIDS

"Why can't I watch Family Guy. All my friends talk about it at school. I don't want to be left out,"

Our culture says you can make your own rules and that if it 'doesn't hurt someone else' it's ok to think and do. **That is not what God says.** He says in the Bible He has the right to make the rules and **if we don't do it His way it's wrong.** The Bible is our 'play book'. It tells us how to live a life that pleases God. Kids need to know that Christian parents make rules based on God's rules provided to them thru the Bible. The more a parent understands what the Bible says the better he/she can share God's values with the kids.

"You can't watch Family Guy because it doesn't please, or bring honor to God. In this house we serve the Lord."

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15



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| Coffee | 8 & 12 oz styrofoam cups | Rectangular Divided Styrofoam Plates |
| Cookies | 6 inch styrofoam plates | Sunday fellowship treats |
| Napkins | Hot chocolate mix packets | Liquid Dish Detergent |

A CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES PRESENTATION:

Messiah in the passover

Thursday
April 6th, 2017
@6:30pm
Christ Lutheran
Church

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.

REMEMBER
THIS ...



WE ARE LOOKING
FOR A VOLUNTEER
TO CHAIR THE
CHURCH PICNIC
THIS SUMMER!

**Let us know if you
are interested**

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

CELEBRATE WITH US
FOLLOWING
SUNDAY SERVICE
APRIL 16TH

Mitchel Shervey	1	Ameilia Bergerson	21
Wes VanNurden	7	Conrad Thorsen	22
Mary Kuhnert	10	Peyton Alexander	23
Josie Steltenpohl	10	Leonard Licht	24
Olivia Peterson	10	Logan Freed	24
Arizona Bergerson	11	Janie Rhody	25
Sydney Belonge	12	Britton Belonge	25
Jacob Marek	14	Kim Pitsch	28
Stephanie Thompson	15	Muriel Shervey	29
Kelly Walters	15	John Steltenpohl	29
Emil & Bonnie Langel	16	Bayleigh Buss	29
Linda Bedford	18	Cindy Boos	30
Gene & Julie Morse	19	Paige Peterson	30
Don Shilts	20		

ADDITIONAL information and dates

april USHERS



Bryan Thompson
Tim Bergevin
Al Bateman

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls of support during my recent illness. It is a privilege and blessing to share in a fellowship of Christians. - Josie Steltenpohl

MARCH FINANCIALS

Monthly Contributions Needed: \$11,911.00
Income Received for the Month of March: \$11,462.00

reserving CHURCH FACILITIES

If you would like to use the fellowship hall, kitchen or gym, please check in with Kari or Joelle in the church office to ensure the space is available and to fill out the required paperwork.

Prayer CHAIN

If you find a need for prayer in your life or in the life of a friend, you are invited to put our Prayer Chain to use. Please call Marcie Greenwood at: 715-289-4504



CLS ANNUAL AUCTION

Join us for Christ Lutheran School's biggest fundraiser of the year - April 22nd. Tickets are on sale now in the office. The event includes a silent auction, buffet dinner and live auction with something for everyone! Funds raised are used for curriculum and tuition financial assistance.



CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Annual Auction Event

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

april 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00AM Men's Club Breakfast/ Meeting
2 8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/SS/ Communion CLS CHURCH APPRECIATION 10:30AM Fellowship	3 9:00AM Piecemakers 5:30PM Bible Study CULVERS DAY 10AM - 10PM	4	5 4:30PM Confirmation 5:00PM LENTEN SUPPER 5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old) 6:30PM Lenten Service	6 6:30PM Chosen People Ministry Messiah in the Passover Presentation	7 8:30AM Willing Workers	8
9 PALM SUNDAY 8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/SS BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY SERVICE 10:30AM Fellowship 10:50AM Bible Study 6:30PM Adult Volleyball	10 9:00AM Piecemakers 5:30PM Bible Study	11 7:00PM CLS School Board Mtg	12 4:30PM Confirmation 5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old) NO WORSHIP SERVICE	13 6:30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	14 8:30AM Willing Workers 6:30PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	15
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