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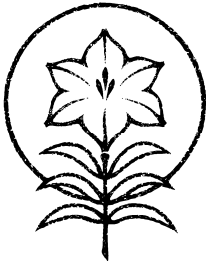


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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REV. DR. PAUL K. SCHWARTZKOPF, PASTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

The great week, the holy week begins with our Palm Sunday procession into the holy place of worship. This year we process with palm branches symbolizing our praise of Jesus our Savior and with stones symbolizing our burdens which we also give to him. We sing his praises because he takes our burdens.

The week continues with our obedience to his command, "Do this in remembrance of me". As this sacrament strengthened him and his first disciples for the suffering and death that were to follow, so it strengthens us for our suffering and death.

Quickly comes the Friday we call ' Good', because of the great good that Jesus' suffering and death do for us. He leads us through the valley of suffering and death.

Our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship experiences increase our understanding and appreciation of the significance of our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Jesus' resurrection is a time byte of eternity that touches all our time—our past, our present and our future.

Jesus' resurrection means that our past sins are forgiven. Our baptism was a baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Our sins were buried with Jesus, and when he was raised from the dead, the tomb was empty—our sins were gone.

Jesus' resurrection means that our present life is full—filled with the grace and peace and love and joy and all the other really good stuff that rubs off on us and in us as we remember our baptism through repentance and forgiveness, as we share in our Lord's Supper, as we share our joys and sorrows, our love and fear with one another in Christ Jesus.

Jesus' resurrection means that our future life is secure. His investment in our life is guaranteed by his resurrection for all eternity. Our future is full of hope.

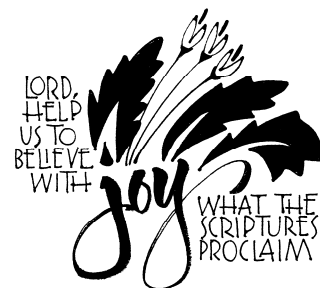
For all this and more, it is our duty and delight to give God thanks and praise.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul K. Schwartzkopf

Come Get the Message

from Pastor Schwartzkopf



Enhance your worship by reading the theme for the day and the Biblical word on which it is based. Then come to worship round the Word of God.

April 5, Passion/Palm Sunday **“ONWARD, CHRIST THE MARTYR”**

This day, our worship begins with the Palm Sunday procession in which we give our burdens and our praises to Jesus. The day continues as Jesus takes them through suffering to the cross. We'll participate in the whole story from Mark 14:1-15:47.

April 9, 7:00 p. m. Maundy Thursday Communion **“ALWAYS A CELEBRATION”**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 is the oldest written record of the words of institution of the Lord's Supper; therefore, we speak them at every celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

April 10, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday **“DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION”**

The Gospel according to John was the last of the four gospels to be written, so it has more interpretation of the significance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Look for the love in the story of the crucifixion in John 18:1-19:42.

April 12, Resurrection of Our Lord **“A STORY WORTH TELLING”**

The Gospel according to Mark was the first of the four gospels to be written. For a few years, the only written gospel. Look at the ending, Mark 16:1-8, and wonder how the story was told, how the good news got out.

April 19, 2nd Sunday of Easter **“BELIEVING THOMAS”**

On the basis of John 20:19-31, the disciple Thomas has been mistakenly called 'Doubting' Thomas. The point of the story is not his doubting, but his believing—and ours.

April 26, 3rd Sunday of Easter **“A FISH STORY”**

According to Luke 24:36-48, the resurrected Jesus ate fish with his disciples. For the church, the Greek word for fish, ixthus, became an acronym for the whole story, Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.



AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR January through March 22

12 Weeks 2009	98
12 Weeks 2008	110



Council Highlights—March 10, 2009

Present at the March 11 meeting of the Council were: Jack Bousner, Bruce Holderbaum, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Stuart Peters, Sue Reeder, Trish Santos, Pam Schuering, and Pastor Schwartzkopf. Excused: Bonnie Conover, Reth Stollberg, David Tooke, and Barb Wilkinson

President Stuart Peters called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Pastor Schwartzkopf provided the opening devotions. Stuart Peters will provide devotion for the April meeting.

Announcements: None

Minutes of the January 13, 2009, and February 10, 2009, were approved as written.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer Motion was made by Bruce Holderbaum and seconded by Jack Bousner to approve the Financial Secretary's report subject to audit. The previous year's monthly balance will be added to the monthly financial report so we can compare the two years easily. Pastor will inform Robin of the changes.

President's Report: Stuart Peters reported that the Audit Committee met on March 3 to audit the books. Thanks to Dick Tabb, Bill Wolters, and Jim Bailey for auditing the books. Trish Santos made a motion and Darrell Kruse seconded that we use the \$600.00 left in the Dave Bergstrasser account to go toward paying for the shed. Additional money will come from non-budget fund raising.

Pastor's Report: Pastor discussed the HyVee cards which have contributed \$795.00 to the church budget during the twenty-one weeks in effect. He will encourage more people to take advantage of this opportunity to help the church. The Youth group will provide the Easter brunch from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. as a fundraiser. The Bible Study group will continue after Easter. Sumer Santos will be confirmed on April 26.

MINISTRY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: Jack Bousner reported that there will be a meeting on March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Service: No report.

Property: The Wednesday morning group will continue working on projects around the church every Wednesday morning through March. Darrell Kruse gave us estimates for an accordion door to close off the kitchen. We will wait until Bonnie Conover returns to compare the estimate with the estimate of another vendor.

Worship: Bruce Holderbaum reported that hymns have been planned through April 25. Thirty-nine people attended the soup supper and Lenten service last week.

Witness: No report.

Learning/Youth: Trish Santos and Pam Schuering reported that there would be a committee meeting on March 12 at 5:30 p.m. An Easter party will be at 10:00 a.m. on April 4. The next Youth activity is at Bonkers March 19 at 5:30 p.m. Preparations for VBS will begin on April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bruce Holderbaum reported that a draft for the New Membership Directory should be ready for approval next week and the finished product in a few weeks.
- The New Member Orientation program will be discussed on Thursday night at the Stewardship meeting.
- We discussed scheduling another Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class. Trish Santos said she would be willing to teach the next class.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We discussed the Church Council retreat and orientation meeting. It was decided to be held on April 21 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. We will set the agenda at the next Council meeting.
- Pastor shared the checklist for Green Congregations that he received at the in-service he attended. We will edit the checklist at the next meeting. One section will be printed in the Seed and then posted on Sunday. People can vote on ways our congregation can practice conservation.
- Pastor reported that the Synod Assembly will be held in Springfield from June 11 -13. This information will be printed in the Seed if anyone is interested in attending.
- We decided to table until next meeting the discussion of collecting old electronic stuff for a fund raising project.
- We discussed the idea of having a Member Helping Members Day. An article will be placed in the Seed giving possible ideas of things that could be done to help other members.

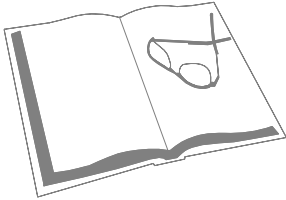
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

CENTRAL / SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Our congregation is entitled to two lay delegates to the Synod Assembly which meets in Springfield, June 11-13, Thursday afternoon through Saturday noon. If you are interested in being a delegate, talk to Pastor Paul or President, Stuart Peters, 222-5810, before the April 14 church Council meeting.



BOOKS 'N BREW

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. on April 23 at Lakeview restaurant. Hopefully we can sit outside if it's warm enough. We will discuss "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen—happy reading.

Vacation Bible School The volunteer and donation posters are up! Please take a look to see what you can do to help discover the word! The job descriptions are on the poster and places to sign up. If you're not sure what you should do, no problem! A training workshop will be held **April 28, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** This will be an introduction of the program. We are also still looking for donations to help decorate. Also supplies such as empty paper towel rolls, old magazines to cut out pictures, etc. Take a gander and see what you would like to do! Any questions, please contact Misty Coyle, 228-0831, coylej07@att.net.



EASTER EGG HUNT



It's that glorious time of the year! Come and celebrate with the children in a Easter egg hunt with crafts and games. **Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Rain or Shine.** Please bring a dozen filled plastic eggs for each child participating. We will also be coloring and decorating eggs so if you would please bring your hard-boiled eggs to decorate. What would a celebration be without snacks? Bring your favorite dessert to share! Hope to see everyone there!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to my church family for celebrating my 87th Birthday with me. The great cake from Bonnie Scranton and the happy birthday song by the choir after the anthem. Couldn't have made all this time without you. You all are so important to me.

Virgene

HyVee Donates to Christ Lutheran



Thank you to all purchasing HyVee gift cards.

The cards will continue to be available every Sunday from Ann Schwartzkopf. You may pre-order them so that we are sure to have the denominations of gift cards that you desire.



Continue to use the cards for groceries, gas, garbage stickers, photos, prescriptions.



To pre-order or to inquire about the program talk to Ann Schwartzkopf (223-2989).

RELAY FOR LIFE

Can we get at least 8 volunteers to form a Christ Lutheran Church Relay for Life team? Sure we can do it! Pastor Paul has already joined the team and raised \$100.00 for the American Cancer Society.

Joyce Alford will serve as the team captain. Teams consist of 8 –15 members with each member expected to raise a minimum of \$100.00 for the American Cancer Society. Participants should be available to attend the Relay for Life event which is on June 5, 2009, at Flinn Stadium beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the team, call Joyce Alford at 222-3667 any day after 4 p.m by April 19. It's a fun event for a worthy cause!

UN-MET NEEDS COMMITTEE

Following the flood of 1993, there were a number of people in Quincy and Adams County who still had a variety of legitimate human needs that could not be met by any of the relief agencies because the specific needs did not meet the criteria of the agencies. (Such is life in the real world!) Therefore, some enlightened and concerned people formed the Unmet Needs Committee as an association of representatives from the relief agencies in the area. The Unmet Needs Committee continues to help people whose needs 'fall between the cracks' of the guidelines of the relief agencies. The Unmet Needs Committee is funded by congregations and individuals. In 2008, Christ Lutheran Church joined the congregations supporting the Unmet Needs Committee. Our representative is Mary Reeve. To date, our special contributions for the Unmet Needs Committee totals \$719.36. Thanks for giving.

FIRST COMMUNION



We have a number of baptized children who are ready to receive their instruction for first communion. Parents, pick up a packet of materials from Pastor Paul so that you can do the study at home with your child. Schedule an appointment with Pastor to review the study and answer any lingering questions. Schedule your child's celebration of first communion on one of these dates which are all very appropriate:

Palm/Passion Sunday	April 5
Maundy Thursday	April 9
Easter Sunday	April 12
2nd Sunday of Easter	April 19

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Congratulations! We have come through again. Our small congregation donated 435 items of food on Souper Bowl Sunday for the food pantries of Two Rivers, Catholic Charities and Quanada. The volunteers who picked up the food were really impressed by what we had collected, and we filled their pickup. Participating contributions came from 23 churches, 7 schools, 1 service club, and 8 businesses. A total of 22,130 food items were donated. We did our part.



EASTER BRUNCH—APRIL 12

Plan ahead to eat brunch between worship services 9:00—10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 12. Our junior high and senior high youth and their parents have traditionally prepared and served this brunch as a fund-raiser to support youth ministry. Your free-will donations will be matched by Thrivent. The first use of the funds will be to send our confirmands to Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center near Oregon, Illinois. Please plan to help send a kid to camp.

PERENNIALS FOR CHURCH GROUNDS

If you are dividing perennials this spring, bring some to church. The Property Ministry Team wants to plant perennials near our sign on 36th Street and at other places on our property. Questions, phone Property Ministry Team Liaison, Darrel Kruse, 223-4339, or Property Ministry Team member, Stu Bell, 593-7309.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Weekday Bible study will resume on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. We'll continue our study of the Gospel according to Mark.

ADULT FORUM

Sundays—9:25—10:15 a.m.

The Adult Forum topic for Sundays in April is the new Lutheran Study Bible. Come and see all the resources packed into this new publication.

BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS FUND RAISER

ALTRUSA

3rd Annual Trivia Night
Saturday, March 28, 2009

Knights of Columbus North Building
700 South 36th Street—Quincy

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. - Game begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$80.00 per team/table entry fee
Maximum of eight players per team/table (16 years or older)

To reserve your table call 217-653-4104 or
email to altrusaquincy@ hotmail.com
US Mail: PO Box 733, Quincy, IL 62306-0733

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

The guys who have been fixing things on the Wednesday morning property parties have had such a good time that they are offering their services to members. The guys have built closets and shelves at church. Their carpentry and painting are as good as a professional can do. You can inspect their work in the kitchen, back hallway, former pastor's office, and new store room off fellowship hall. As the weather warms, they also will do yard work. They are offering to work for free, but members can donate to the church for their services. The property party guys are Stu Bell, Don Burner, Bruce Holderbaum, Darrel Kruse, Jeff Stollberg, Reth Stollberg, and Bill Wolters.

Talk to them if you need something done at home. Tell them thanks for all they've done at church.

HELP NEEDED

We need a couple more people to take turns serving as deacons to help distribute communion at the 10:30 service. Please let the church office, Pastor Paul, Bruce Holderbaum, or Bonnie Scranton know if you can serve as a deacon.

Welcome New Members



We at Christ Lutheran are thrilled to have the Lannerd family join our church family. Amy and her two children, Paige and Brianna, have lived in Quincy for the past seven years. Amy grew up in the neighboring town of Liberty. That is where she went to church until she joined us. Amy works as an attorney outside the home and as a full time mom inside the home. Paige is 5 years old and goes to Madison school. Brianna is 3 years old and goes to preschool. Amy likes the fact that Christ Lutheran has a Sunday School program during the church service. Location was a big factor as well.

Amy we are very pleased to have you join our church family and look forward to getting to know you and your family better. We hope you join in on the various activities offered by the church and any areas of ministry that may interest you. Welcome.

We are also excited to have the Spurgeon family join. We welcome Jerry, Julie and six year old, Aiden. The Spurgeon's live in Canton, Missouri and commute to Quincy to join us on Sundays. Julie grew up Lutheran and decided she wanted to get back to her childhood roots of faith. They found our church while looking in the phone book and decided to visit one of our services. They liked it very much and planned on joining. Aiden goes to Canton Elementary. Jerry and Julie work for the Adams County Juvenile Detention.



Jerry retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service. Thank you Jerry for your dedication in serving our country. Julie has a love for music and an interest in the Choir. She also has experience with Sunday School teaching. We at Christ Lutheran are happy that you have joined our family and we welcome you with open arms.

3rd Annual Earth Day Electronics Recycling

What Can You Drop-Off for FREE?

CPUs & peripherals (please remove all personal information from your hard drive)

VCRs, DVD players & Stereo Equipment

Small Appliances w/electrical cords or batteries

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. **Make donations payable to JWCC Foundation.**

What Can You Drop-Off for a FEE?

Schools & government entities receive discounted fees. Call or email for more information.

Monitors \$5

Major Appliances/Microwaves \$5

Photocopiers \$5

Printers/Scanners \$1

Television Sets:

Up to 27" \$10

30" to 36" \$15

Console/Big Screen/Exposed Tube \$25

Fees are payable to RFI to offset processing expenses for these specific items.

Donations can be made payable to JWCC Foundation to offset event expenses.

Contact: Kelli Langston 217-641-4940 or 217-641-4941 or klangston@jwcc.edu

Friday, April 17: 3 - 6 pm

10 am - Noon (Businesses Only. Reservation Required.)

Saturday, April 18: 10 am - 2 pm

JWCC Quincy Campus, 48th & Harrison entrance

Residents of all counties welcome!

Volunteers Needed

We need your help at the 3rd Annual JWCC Earth Day event. Shifts are generally 3 hours in length. Volunteers receive a free Earth Day T-Shirt to wear. Available shifts and duties include:

Friday, April 17

Location: Electronics Recycling Collection (front parking lot)

Duties: Removing electronics from vehicles and put in cardboard boxes for removal. Only lift what you feel comfortable lifting. There are many small items to move so any help is appreciated.

Bring: Work gloves (if you have them)

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

2:00 - 5:00 pm

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 18

Locations: Electronics Recycling Collection (see above) or Lower Level of Paul Heath Center

Duties: Greeting and directing visitors, passing out flyers, helping vendors, accepting donations, etc.

9:30am - 12:30 pm

12:00 - 3:00 pm

Contact Kelli Langston at 641-4940 or klangston@jwcc.edu to volunteer or for more information

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR APRIL

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pat Bell Barb Wilkinson	Sue Reeder Joan Lerner	Bonnie Scranton Crystal Bernett	Ann Schwartzkopf Sue McLennan
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Stu Bell Cheryl Brinkman	Virgene Gilkerson Scott Coyle	Joan Lerner Butch Kuras	Bonnie Scranton Wayne McLennan
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Kathy Wolters Nona Miller	Ann Schwartzkopf Bruce Holderbaum	Phil Conover Jim Bailey	Virgene Gilkerson Stuart Peters
NURSERY	Summer Santos	Summer Santos	Kara Wolf	Kara Wolf
ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	Dylan Probert	Emily Stollberg	Nick Kruse	Alec Rettenmeier
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill & Kathy Wolters Dave & Charlotte Tooke	Dick & Sue Tabb David & Wendy Maas	Joanne Brubaker Joe & Cheryl Brinkman	Virgene Gilkerson Stuart & Kris Peters
DEACON 10:30AM	Jim Bailey	Misty Coyle	Missy Kuras	Reth Stollberg
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bonnie Scranton Olin Shuler	Ann Schwartzkopf Stuart Peters	Bruce Holderbaum Bonnie Scranton
COFFEE HOUR	Group 3	Brunch	Group 4	Group 5

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!



If you have a birthday in April and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

April 4 Jordan Mathes 6 Bonnie Conover 12 Wendy Maas 15 Matt Bolte 17 Savana Santos Jennifer Wingerter 18 Ann Schwartzkopf 19 Kim Glasgow	19 Evie Jorgenson 21 Kara Osterbur 23 Katie Bigley 27 Laura Mikkelson 28 James Mathes 30 Aden Stapleton Audra Stapleton
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If you have a wedding anniversary in April and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

April 6 Dennis and Jill Mathes 11 Nelson and Bernice Colgrove Olin and Norma Shuler	14 Stu and Pat Bell 21 Dick and Sue Tabb
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