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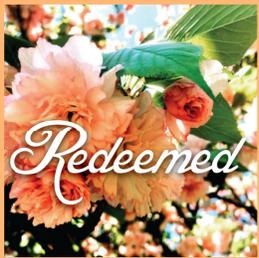
The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



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Voters' Meeting April 22



Dear Friends,

In I Cor. 1:18 we read these words from Paul: “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.” And so it is — how foolish to think that God could, or would, die ... and on a cross of all places, and that such a death would benefit us. Even more foolish, to those who are perishing, is the notion that this man could, or would, come back to life after being dead and buried.



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

But he did ... he did die as the payment for our sin and he did rise from the dead. It may sound foolish and like some kind of wild story to those who don't believe in God, but to those of us who do believe in Him this seemingly wild and foolish story is the story of our salvation. It is the greatest story ever told and the story which most clearly reveals both the depth of God's love and the limitlessness of His power.

And so, in some peculiar way, it seems most appropriate for Easter this year to land on April 1, April Fool's Day. For it was on this day that the foolishness of God is on full display, frustrating the hearts of those that are perishing, but comforting the hearts of all those who are being saved.

To God be the glory for the life, the death, and the resurrection of His Son Jesus.

Have a blessed month,

— *Pastor John*

New Prayer group at CLC

Christ Austin Prays (Google Group) will be replacing the current prayer group. You ***MUST*** send a request to be added. Please send an email to saran@christaustin.org at the church office.





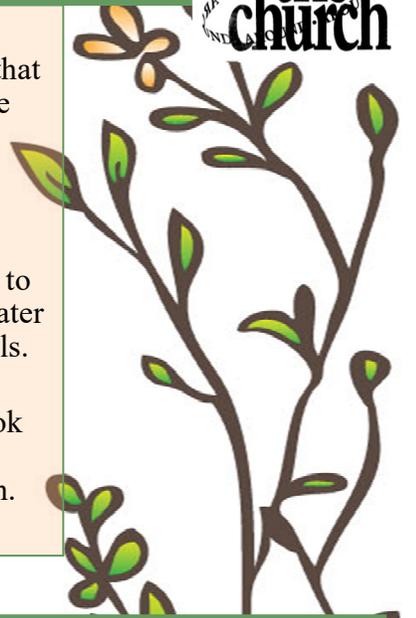
Letter from the President

He is risen! He is risen indeed! These joyous greetings ring out at Eastertime as we celebrate that Jesus' death was not in vain and that he overcame death for us. Thanks to all who made our Easter celebration possible.

There will be a voters' meeting on April 22nd. After late service, we will have a potluck lunch followed by the meeting. Please bring something to share. The council will be finalizing the agenda later this month, so watch the bulletin for further details.

As always, regularly check out website (www.christuastin.org) and follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") or Twitter (@ChristATX78704) to get the latest information.

— Alan Werchan



St. Patrick's Day — DID THAT!

April Fool's Day — MISSED THAT!!



Stewardship Word for the Month

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

SO -Let's have a "Potluck" to celebrate the month of April—also known as "National Garden Month" and "National Frog Month"!

Join us for a "Smorgasbord" of everyone's "favorite" dishes on April 5th at 11:15. Please bring an entrée, salad, vegetable or dessert for everyone to share.

We will also play "LCR" dice game. Please bring 3 quarters per person for the game. (We will have change for \$1 bills if you need it). Contact Mildred or Val if you have questions.





Our Soft Molasses Cookies

Makes 22 cookies

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| 2 1/2 cups flour | 6 Tbsp shortening |
| 2 tsp baking soda | 6 Tbsp oleo |
| 1/4 tsp cloves | 1 cup dark brown sugar |
| 1 tsp cinnamon | 1 egg |
| 1 tsp ginger | 1/4 cup molasses |
| Pinch salt | 2 Tbsp Half-n-Half |
| | Raw Sugar |

Preheat oven to 375°

In small mixing bowl combine flour, baking soda, cloves, cinnamon, ginger, and salt. In large bowl of mixer, combine shortening and oleo. Add brown sugar, mixing until fluffy. Add egg, molasses and Half-n-Half, mixing well. Add flour mixture, mixing until just combined.

For each cookie, scoop out about 2 Tbsp dough, roll gently, and dip in a little raw sugar.

Bake on parchment lined sheets for 9-10 minutes.

Remove from oven and allow to finish baking for 3 minutes before moving to a rack to cool.

This column is lovingly sponsored by the Eunice Guild. God bless you as you cook "with Eunice".

What's In A Name

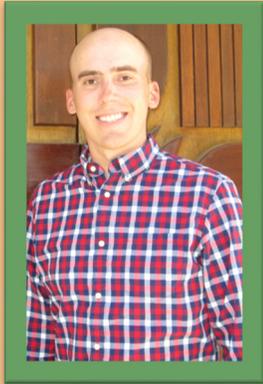
Mom was always an involved parent at St. Paul Lutheran School. As the oldest of three children, I was the first to go to school, and Mom was determined that I quickly gain a measure of independence. She said that after she left me inside the door to the kindergarten classroom the first day, she heard my screams all the way out to the parking lot! But, behind the scenes Mom made sure that at the very least, the teachers all knew how to correctly pronounce my rather unusual name. From the beginning, I was one of the group. When roll was taken, "Duannah" rolled off the teacher's tongue as easily as "Debra" or "Steven." Things were different when I entered 8th Grade at Fulmore Jr. High where I did not know anyone, every class period brought a different teacher, and "Mom Intervention" was more or less frowned upon. I learned quickly that when a teacher hesitated in roll call or said, "Um," it was my turn to answer, "Here." Of course, this was ages ago when immigrants to this country often changed the spelling of their name, or their name entirely to help "blend in," and unique names were not in vogue. That pendulum has swung and we now tend to embrace diversity and individuality, and names often reflect our heritage and creativity. Wasn't it a beautiful moment when God brought all of the animals and birds to Adam "to see what he would name them," and "that was its name" (Gen 2:19)! And then God gave man charge over all of His creatures. Throughout the Bible, parents gave very personalized names based on characteristics, events, desires, etc., to their children. God named His Son "Jesus, because He will save His people." (Matt. 1:21). Whether "Ann" or "Duannah," my name matters — it identifies me right after my most important name, "Child of God." When my Lord adopted me through Baptism, He wrote my name in His Book with permanent ink. Along with all of the names of His children, He knows mine well. On the Last Day, there will be no hesitation in His voice, no "Um." Like Mary on the first Easter so long ago, I will look at my Teacher and hear Him perfectly pronounce with the sweetest voice, "Duannah." Unlike for Mary, He will hold out His hand for me to take, and with untold joy, I will know forever my loving Savior.

Happy Easter — *Duannah*

The Lutheran Women's Quilting will resume on May 10

Can you sew a straight seam, cut a fabric square or tie a knot? We would love to have you join the quilters group. We will resume on May 10th at 11:00 am, and will meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month. (Some work can be done at home.) Donations of fabric pieces and "gently used" sheets are appreciated.





JORDAN BOESSLING

Minister of Creative Communication & Community Connections

Please contact Jordan for more information on any of the activities on pages 4-5.

Just a reminder that we often take photos, and at times, video, of ministry events to put up around Church on the screen on Sundays and to post to the web that publicizes the worship, service, fellowship, and education life of Christ Lutheran.

Feed My Lambs

The sack lunch program handed out 14 in February and 8 in March. We continue to make fresh sandwiches on the last Thursday of each month. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Annual Blind Auction

Our youth are holding their annual Blind Auction now through April 22nd. Items for view and bid sheets along with bid box are on the table in the narthex. Winners will be announced at the Voters' Meeting on April 22nd. All proceeds support our youth's trip to the 2019 National Youth Gathering.

Visual Arts Camp

Our summer community art camp for 2018 will be June 25-29 for children just finishing K-5th Grade. The schedule for the week will be 9 am—12 noon daily at the CLC Workshop:

Monday * Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday * Friday
Draw Sculpt Paint Teamwork Finale

Sign-ups are available at the Church or at www.christaustin.org.



Supply fee is \$50 for the 1st child in a family, and \$35 for each sibling.

Limited number of participant spots. Please contact Jordan for more information

Pumpkin Patch

It has taken all of us since 2015 to take on the SoCo Pumpkin Patch project, and to provide this as a Loving Service for our neighborhood that our community has come to count on. We've come together as a Church Family in Caring Fellowship to host it for our guests, and it's time to decide if we will re-commit ourselves to this process for Fall 2018.

For more information and to get involved, talk to Jordan, or Deborah Bynum.

Men's Discipleship Group

On Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 pm in the Christ's Workshop, we will resume our monthly Men's Discipleship Class, led by Tim Ristow. We are continuing our topic of "Every Man's Story," and moving forward in the process of writing and sharing personal devotions based on a theme Bible verse or passage.

For more information contact Tim or Jordan .



Women Together in Faith The Eunice Guild

Christ is Risen! Signs of new life are all around in God's glorious creation — birds are singing, plants are budding, flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing. Please come to a Devotion and Fellowship in celebration of the New Life we know in our Savior. This gathering, sponsored by our Eunice Guild, will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 12:00 noon in Rooms 7/8.





Kingdom Quest & Lutheranism 101

Grow with us on Sunday Morning
during our Discipleship Classes at 9:30 am
as *The Bible Comes Alive Here at Christ!*



Be sure to check out Pastor John's class,
where the Bible becomes relevant as we
study the New Testament book of
I Timothy.

Our nursery room is available for families
throughout Sunday mornings.

Kingdom Quest for Kids: (age 3—Grade 5)

On Sunday mornings at 9:30 am, our Kingdom Quest Kids are learning about the people, places, and events of the Bible, and being reminded of the gifts that God gives us and how He is always with us.

- ⇒ We have the opportunity to read the Bible and talk about these questions:
- ⇒ What do these Bible Stories teach us about Christ Jesus and His love for us?
- ⇒ How do these Bible Stories prepare us for the return of Christ Jesus?
- ⇒ Why are these Bible Stories important for helping us to serve others and to share the love of Christ Jesus?

We have the opportunity to adore God for who He is, and praise Him for being awesome and amazing; Confess to God that we are sorry for our sins, and ask Him for His forgiveness; Thank God for His many blessings to us, above all for what He has done for us through Jesus; and offer supplication to God, and bring before Him the needs and requests of others, and those of our own.

Lutheranism 101 for Teens: (middle school & high school youth)

Our teens are concluding a study of the book "Lutheranism 101," and reflecting on why the teachings of the Christian faith are important to middle school and high school students today.



Game On! Vacation Bible School

This summer on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am during Lifeway's Game On! Vacation Bible School, we will be "Gearing Up for Life's Big Game," and learning that God is with us in every arena of our lives.

God has given us, His Team, the ultimate playbook, The Bible, and He coaches us up in 2 Peter 1:3 to trust that "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

Our children (age 3 - Grade 5) will get to participate in a game plan of crafts, drama, games, missions, music, and snacks, designed to help us take to heart these truths as we represent Him on and off the athletic field:

** Jesus Cares About Me ** Jesus Gives Me Hope ** Jesus Helps Me Believe
** Jesus Loves Me ** Jesus Gives Me Joy

We'll transform Rooms 7 & 8 into a field house and sports stadium where we will come together weekly and celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus, and train for The Day when our Victorious King returns to give us the crown of life.

There are opportunities for youth to help with activities this June, July, and August. *Contact Jordan for details and to get involved in this sports-themed Vacation Bible School that will motivate us to go for The Goal.*

Thank You for Lenten Luncheons

Thank you to everyone that cooked (and donated) the Lenten Soups, Salads, and Cookies. Thank you to all who helped serve and clean up and to those who supported us by attending the meals.

The free will offering collected will go toward the Kitchen Remodeling Fund. More volunteers are needed if we are going to continue this tradition in 2019.

If you would like to donate to this fund please specify by designating "kitchen fund" on the envelope.





Sharing the Love of Christ

Lutheran Braille Workers Celebrate 75 years

Hosted by:

Trinity-Klein Lutheran Church
5201 Spring Cypress Road
Spring, TX 77379

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Time:

11:30am-12:00 pm
Welcome Reception

12:00 pm—2:30 pm
Program & Lunch

RSVP: Seating is limited,
reserve your seat

By Friday, April 13, 2018

Phone: 800-925-6092

Email: LBW@LBWinc.org

Keynote speaker

Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz

*Lutheran Center for
Religious Liberty*

Executive Director

Speaker Emeritus of
The Lutheran Hour



The Quilters



Thursday Bible Study



Late Service Fellowship



Lenten Mid-Week
Soup & Salad Luncheon



- Douglas & Deborah Bynum
4/2/1977
- Mark & Micka Ziehr
4/3/1983
- David & Margaret Cano
4/18/1980
- James & Liz Chapman
4/25/1987
- Brooke (& Henry) Moore
4/28/2012
- Tommy & Norma Nanyes
4/29/1966



- Lawrence Oldham 4/1
- Morgan Arella Stivers 4/1
- Riley Josephine Stivers 4/1
- Arliss Shefstad 4/6
- Trinity Stennfeld 4/6
- Charles Kanetzky 4/9
- Jacob Alvarez 4/10
- Stella Anne Magruder 4/11
- Amanda Moore 4/11
- MaryLou Moore 4/13
- Glory Rose Whitehurst 4/13
- Diane Emmert 4/15
- Alan Werchan 4/16
- Ryan Bailey 4/17
- Gary Rock 4/18
- Michelle Bennight 4/19
- Talina Flores 4/20
- Ryland Rock 4/24
- Cindy Bailey 4/26
- Daniel Albers 4/27

PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE

Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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| 2+2 = ___ united | 2x3 = ___ death | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been |
| 0+1 = ___ if | 2x4 = ___ we | 13-1 = ___ him |
| 2+3 = ___ in | 20-6 = ___ like | 2+5 = ___ his |
| 2x5 = ___ be | 8+3 = ___ with | |

"For ¹ we ² ³ ⁴
 with him ⁵ a ⁶ like ⁷ ,
⁸ will ⁹ also ¹⁰ united
¹¹ ¹² in a ¹³
¹⁴ his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV

In March we prayed for...

- Chuck Cazzola** – healing
- Jeff Linderman** – son of Jean Linderman, for the doctors to find the best treatment for his prostate cancer
- Alvin Zieschang** – father of Michael Zieschang, health issues and hospice



ELDERS:

8:15am:
Roy Pietsch
10:45am:
Tommie Craig



April 1

Flowers: In celebration of the 2nd birthday of Riley & Morgan Stivers 2nd, given by David & Margaret Cano

Tellers: P.Hamil / J. Wiley

8:15am: **Lector:** Alex Stivers
Acolyte: Justin Medina
Crucifer: Adam Werchan

10:45am: **Lector:** Phil Etter
Acolyte: Emily Richter
Crucifer: Seth Werchan

Communion Guild
8:15 am LeMorris Galbreath
10:45 am Trinity Stennfeld

Fellowship: Richter family

April 8

Flowers: *vacant*

Tellers: P.Hamil / J. Wiley

8:15am: **Lector:** Charles Kanetzky
Acolyte: Ben Ristow

10:45am: **Lector:** Gary Lippe
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan

Communion Guild
8:15 am
10:45 am Pachalin Stennfeld

Fellowship: *vacant*

April 15

Flowers: Patty Brodbeck

Tellers: P. Bost / B. Egge

8:15am: **Lector:** Mark Herber
Acolyte: Katy Herber

10:45am: **Lector:** MaryLou Moore
Acolyte: Seth Werchan

Communion Guild
8:15 am Alex & Christine Stivers
10:45 am Jean Linderman

Fellowship: *vacant*

April 22

Flowers: Pam Hamil in honor of Justin & Nori's anniversary

Tellers: P. Bost / B. Egge

8:15am: **Lector:** Clayton Pillack
Acolyte: Justin Medina

10:45am: **Lector:** Lindsey Sermons
Acolyte: Emily Richter

Communion
8:15 am Kim & Benjamin Schaare
10:45 am Albert & Jane Carrion

Fellowship: Decker family

April 29

Flowers: Tommy & Norma Nanyes, In honor of their anniversary

Tellers: M. Moore / A. Moore

8:15am: **Lector:** Lucille Herrera
Acolyte: Katy Herber

10:45am: **Lector:** Alan Werchan
Acolyte: Adam Werchan

Communion
8:15 am Felix & Louise Alexander
10:45 am Belinda Reveles

Fellowship: *vacant*

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. If you know a schedule change before 9:00 am on Thursday of the week you're scheduled, please contact the church office (512-442-5844) to inform the secretary of the change. If a problem arises Sunday morning, please call the office and leave a message.

*** Flowers will be donated**