



Christ Lutheran Church

April 2019

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



WHAT'S INSIDE

- 2-3 Around the Church
- 4-6 Creative Communication and Community Connections
- 7 Celebrations!
- 8 Serving this Month



Pastor John

Dear Friends,

In a few weeks we will gather to remember and to celebrate the 2 most important events in human history, and the 2 events that stand at the epicenter of the Christian faith. I am speaking of course about the death and resurrection of Jesus. The hope of humanity and the truth of Christianity hang solely upon the reality of Jesus' death on a cross and his resurrection from a grave. If these two things didn't happen, nothing else we believe, teach, and confess as Christians matters.

But Jesus did willingly die on a cross as the sacrifice for our sin, and he did rise from his grave a few days later, and thus everything else that he did, taught, and predicted can be trusted and should be believed also. And we have the wonderful opportunity each year to remember, relive, and rejoice in the events which mark and make the Christian faith. I pray that you will join us here at Christ for all of our Holy Week worship services, that you might appreciate, even more fully, the sacrifice and salvation of Jesus.



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

To God be the Glory,

Pastor John

Letter from the President



This month we continue the Lenten season culminating in our April 21st Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection and victory. Be sure to check out the Easter Breakfast hosted by our high school youth as well as the annual Easter egg hunt for the little ones.

Also, if you haven't been able to attend some or all of the weekly Lenten services, I recommend that you catch up on Pastor's sermon series involving the petitions of the Lord's Prayer. The sermons that I have heard bring an entirely new depth of understanding to those familiar words. You can find them on our website.

I want to give special recognition to the diligent group of ladies who make and tie quilts. Once again it appears they will meet their goal of fifty quilts made for the year. *(continued on p. 2)*



Letter from the President

(ctd. from p. 1)

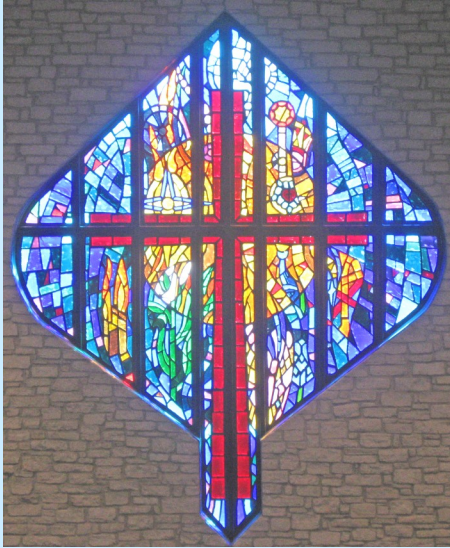


Later this month, the quilts will be showcased and shipped out to be used all over the world.

I am writing this just prior to our March 31st voters' assembly so I am unable to report the results. In addition to the normal reports, the most significant topics for discussion are the potential replacement of several air conditioning units and the roof over the fellowship hall. The trustees will propose a variety of options. We will also discuss designation of the Lenten Offerings with the Council's proposal including a split between the Thai Children's mission and roof/AC replacement.

Finally, to stay up on the latest activities or to hear a sermon, check our website (www.christaustin.org) or follow us on Facebook (look for "Christ Austin 78704") or Twitter (@ChristATX78704).

— Alan Werchan



Blessing of the Quilts

The Quilting Group of Christ Lutheran Church has been putting their sewing skills to work for the Lutheran World Relief Project outreach effort. On Sunday, April 14th, Pastor John will bless approximately 50 quilts during Palm Sunday services.

The quilts then travel to Baltimore, MD, where they are distributed throughout the world.

Thank you to Thrivent for assistance with providing materials to make these special quilts.

Midweek Worship Schedule for Lent

| Date | Worship Time(s) | Luncheon after Noon Worship |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4/3 | 12pm | Yes |
| 4/10 | 12pm | Yes |
| 4/18 Holy Thursday | 12pm* & 7pm* | Yes |
| 4/19 Good Friday | 12pm & 7pm | No |

*services include Holy Communion

Lenten Midweek Luncheons

COOKIE DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED



April 3rd, 2019—Vegetable Soup, Salad, Cookies, Tea/Water

April 10th, 2019—Noodle Soup, Salad, Cookies, Tea/Water

April 18th, 2019—Sloppy Joes & Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Cookies, Tea/Water





Eunice Guild

This column is lovingly sponsored by the Eunice Guild. Each recipe includes corresponding Bible verses to use for meditation during those “down” times found in most all good recipes. God bless you as you cook “with Eunice”.



Meditation

My husband Bill and I had a similar childhood in that neither of us could remember a day spent without a little dog running around the house. So, it was only natural that soon after we married, we found ourselves at the Austin Humane Society looking for a dog to adopt - a small dog, female, with white and brown short hair, and oh so sweet. After more than one visit to the “pound,” we had two in mind and were walking back and forth between their runs to try to settle on one. In an enclosure between the two, there was a smallish dog, male, with black and gray kinky long hair. He seemed to lack any personality, choosing to remain at the back of his enclosure watching the people. After a while, he began to run to the front of his pen each time we passed by, shove one of his legs through the opening at the side of the gate, and wave it up and down frantically as if trying to get our attention. When we finally stopped to look at him, he pushed his nose through an opening in the chain linked gate so hard we thought his eyeballs would pop out! And he yelped loudly when the hairs on his nose got caught in the wires! He was homely with his mismatched body parts and wiry hair, and the card on the gate indicated he had been there awhile. As we stood there looking at him, he held his leg out as far as possible. I took his paw gently in my hand and said, “I think this guy really wants us.” We laughed as we told the attendants that he wanted to fill out our adoption papers. Our 17 plus years together were all the sweeter knowing it was our dear puppy who first wanted us. During this Lenten season, the Holy Spirit has drawn me to an extraordinary prayer, one spoken by Jesus after His final supper with His disciples. Judas had left to complete his betrayal of the Lord, and Jesus was spending the final few hours in words of explanation, comfort and love for His closest disciples, those who would carry on His teachings and build His church. He ended with a prayer. I’m certain there is great and wonderful theology within this prayer, however, my simple faith, though powered by the Holy Spirit, so often struggles to understand our Lord’s precious Word, and this prayer is no exception. Yet, it’s easy to see that it is a profound statement of Jesus’ love. In particular, there is a portion of one of Jesus’ sentences I cannot escape. It is as a lovely tune which plays over and over in my mind. Read this and see what you think. “Father, I want those You have given me to be with me where I am,” (John 17:24). Jesus spoke these words as a Son to His Father whom He knew wanted the very same. “Father. . . You are in me and I am in You,” (John 17:21). He also spoke with the authority of God, who He was, and as such, one who knew His “want” would be realized. And Jesus did not pray that all believers - “those You have given me” - would simply be “where I am,” but He added, “with me!” Doesn’t that absolutely make your heart jump with joy!?! Jesus really wants us! He was willing to do, and has done, whatever it takes to ensure we, as believers in Him as our Savior, have eternal life in and with Him. It is the measure of our God’s immeasurable love for us. It is what God our Heavenly Father wants and has ensured through His Son. At our Baptism, He signed the adoption papers. YEAH!! We belong to Him! He is going to take us home! We are His forever!! Our Savior said, “For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it” (John 12:47), and, then He said, “It is finished!” (John 19:30).

With Easter Joy, Forever! Duannah

Cooking With Eunice

“Kitchen Sink” Carrot Cake

Ingredients:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 c Flour | 1 c oil |
| 2 tsp baking powder | 1 tsp vanilla |
| 1 1/2 tsp baking soda | 2 c grated raw carrots |
| 1 tsp salt | 1—8oz. Can crushed pineapple, drained |
| 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon | 1/2 c raisins, plumped |
| 1/4 tsp nutmeg | 2 oz flaked coconut |
| 4 eggs | |
| 2 c sugar | |

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9x13in pan. In a small mixing bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. In a larger bowl, beat together eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla. Stir in the dry ingredients. Add the carrots, pineapple, raisins, pecans and coconut. Pour into the prepared pan, and back for 45—48 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. Top with your favorite cream cheese frosting. A canned cream cheese frosting is very good, or use the following homemade frosting recipe.

Cream Cheese Frosting

| |
|--------------------------------|
| 1/2 c butter, room temperature |
| 8 oz. cream cheese, softened |
| 1 tsp vanilla |
| 1—1lb box powdered sugar |

Combine frosting ingredients, beat until fluffy.

Eunice Guild Announcement

The Eunice Guild will **NOT** gather on April 16th or any time during April. Please watch the Bulletin Announcement Sheets and the May Newsletter for upcoming plans.





JORDAN BOESSLING

**Minister of
Creative Communication &
Community Connections**



**Creative
Communication
and
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.

Discipleship Classes at 9:30 am on Sunday Mornings

Pastor's Class – Mark
Discipleship Classes for All Ages
Our Nursery Room is available throughout the morning.

Marbridge House

We are making plans to volunteer again at The Ranch (assisted living) of Marbridge (www.marbridge.org) on Saturday, April 6th from 9:45 - 11:15am, to lead/help with arts and crafts, and to have games available too. Marbridge is located at 2310 Bliss Spillar Road, Manchaca, TX 78652.

Men's Discipleship Class



Our "The End of Me" study will be moved to the second Tuesday of April, the 9th, at 7:30 P.M. Please contact Tim, or Jordan, for information.

**"As iron sharpens iron, so one
man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17**



Mission Statement

*The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect
people to Jesus through:*

- ✝ *Inspirational Worship*
- ✝ *Loving Service*
- ✝ *Caring Fellowship*
- ✝ *Relevant Education*

So that they may know, and grow in, his love.





Feed My Lambs Update

The sack lunch program handed out 23 lunches during the month of March. We continue to make fresh sandwiches on the last Thursday of each month. If you would like to volunteer to make fresh sandwiches please contact Maria.

Church Pictorial Directory

The directory will be available, one copy per family, additional copies for a nominal cost, beginning in May.

Youth Easter Breakfast

Easter Breakfast - Join us for the Youth Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21, from 9 -10 AM. The high school youth will cook and serve pancakes and sausage to the congregation. This is a Thrivent Action Team event and a Free Will Offering. All proceeds go toward travel expenses for attending the July 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Please come out and support our youth and join in some great fellowship on Easter morning.

Easter Triumph

One of the longest running passion plays in the country is back for its 61st live production. The Easter Triumph is a live passion play depicted the events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Admission is FREE. Performances at 3p.m. and 6p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at The Future Home of Concordia High School (1201 S. Heatherwilde, Pflugerville, TX, 78660). Details and maps at www.eastertriumph.org.

Thank You Note from Jordan

"Thank you Pastor John and Pach, and people of Christ, for helping me celebrate my birthday this year on that Sunday morning in various undeserved and unforgettable ways.

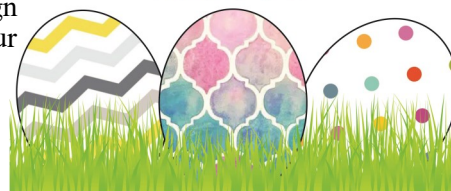
Your expressions of love, for over eleven and a half years, remind me constantly that I have many things to be thankful for, especially my Pastor & Church Family and the caring fellowship we have in Christ Jesus." -Jordan



Easter Egg-stravaganza Hunt

Our annual Easter Sunday festivities for families (from toddlers through 5th Grade) will be on Easter Sunday, April 21 at Christ. We'll gather for an Easter object lesson in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am, then walk on over to the Workshop to search for treasures and treats around the yard. Starting Sunday, March 24, please be sure to sign up your family by Palm Sunday, April 14, to secure your spots to be a part of our Easter Egg-stravaganza (so that we can prepare for the activities accordingly). Please contact Jordan for more information, and to sign up to participate.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Camp Lone Star Work Weekend

On Friday-Sunday, May 24th—26th at Camp Lone Star (2016 Camp Lone Star Road, La Grange, 78945), join others in Christian fellowship while preparing Camp Lone Star for the arrival of over 2,000 children and adults for summer programming at CLS. Entire families are welcome to join in service, fellowship, fun and recreation that weekend. CLS staff will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities. The weekend kicks off Friday evening and lasts through worship on Sunday. Join CLS for any part of the weekend as your schedule allows. With limited housing space available, housing will be awarded in order of registrations received. Please visit www.lomt.com for details, and to register. Please let Jordan know if you register with CLS to attend.





Sharing the Love of Christ



Texas Ramp Project



Ash Wednesday



Lent Luncheons



Eunice Guild Gathering



Caring Fellowship




Stewardship I Corinthians 3:16-17

“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.”



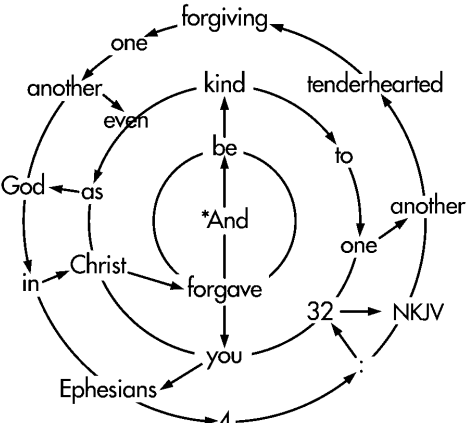
PUZZLE

WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



“And _____ ,

_____.”

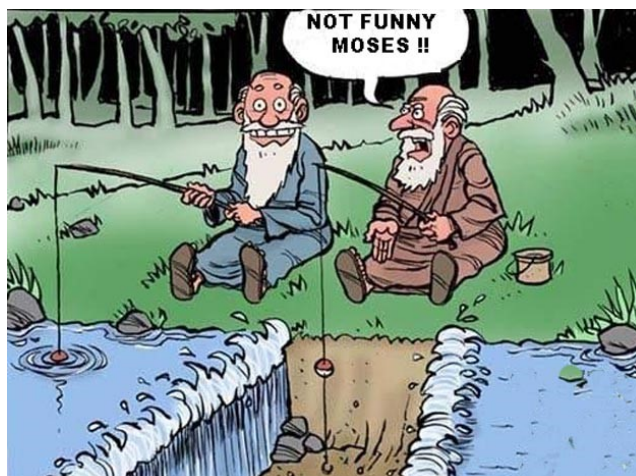
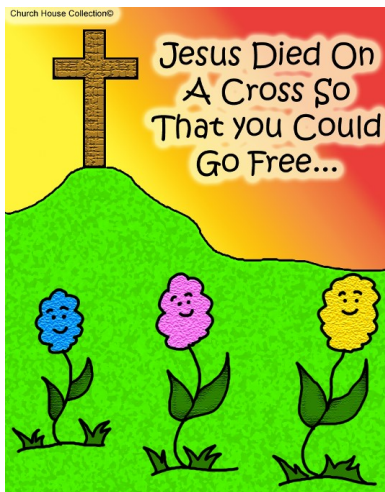
Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

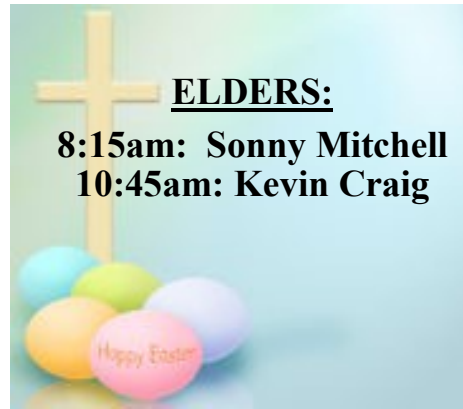


Lawrence Oldham 4/1
Morgan Arella Stivers 4/1
Riley Josephine Stivers 4/1
Arliss Shefstad 4/6
Trinity Stennfeld 4/6
Charles Kanetzky 4/9
Jacob Alvarez 4/10
Stella Anne Magruder 4/11
Amanda Moore 4/11
MaryLou Moore 4/13
Glory Rose Whitehurst 4/13
Alan Werchan 4/16
Michelle Bennight 4/19
Talina Flores 4/20
Cynthia Bailey 4/26
Daniel Albers 4/27



Douglas & Deborah Bynum
4/2/1977
Mark & Micka Ziehr
4/3/1983
David & Margaret Cano
4/18/1980
James & Elizabeth Chapman
4/25/1987
Tommy & Norma Nanyes
4/29/1966





ELDERS:

8:15am: Sonny Mitchell

10:45am: Kevin Craig

April 7

Flowers: Doug and Deborah Bynum

Tellers: P.Bost/S.Etter

8:15am: Lector: Alex Stivers
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Divina Stennfeld
Acolyte: Emily Richter

Communion Guild

8:15am: Felix and Louise Alexander

10:45am Belinda Reveles

April 14



Flowers: Kevin and Barbara
Craig in Memory of
Dorothy Craig's Birthday on 4/20

Tellers: J.Carrion/A.Carrion

8:15am: Lector: Charles Kanetzky
Acolyte: Katy Herber

10:45am: Lector: Bob Wiley
Acolyte: Katherine Werchan

Communion Guild

8:15am: LeMorris Galbreath

10:45am: Daniel Albers



April 21

Flowers: Paul Harrel—Justin and Nori Ann

Tellers: J.Carrion/A.Carrion

8:15am: Lector: Clayton Pillack
Acolyte:

10:45am: Lector: Alan Werchan
Acolyte: Seth Werchan

Communion Guild

8:15am: Kimberly and Benjamin Schaare

10:45am: Donald and Gwen Lewis

April 28

Flowers:

Tellers: M.Moore/A.Moore

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

10:45am: Lector: MaryLou Moore
Acolyte: Adam Werchan

Communion Guild

8:15am: Felix and Louise Alexander

10:45am: Bob and Jean Wiley

If you cannot serve as scheduled,
it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement.
If a problem arises Sunday morning,
please call the church to let Pastor know.

*** Flowers will be donated**

