



WELCOME, SPRING!

# Christ Lutheran Church

March 2017

The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ



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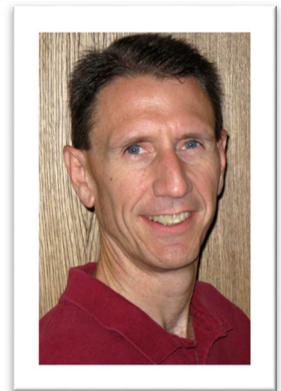
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## Pastor John

Dear Followers of Jesus,

As we move into March we also move into the penitential season of lent. It is a time in which we often lay aside any number of worldly pursuits in order to focus in on our spiritual lives in Christ. Some folks fast one day a week, some give up something for the 6-week season, and still others make it a point to be in midweek worship. Whatever the action, the intent is the same — “to be renewed in our walk with Christ.”



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD

To further enhance this Lenten journey, our theme for our midweek sermon series will be: “Lent — A Time for Renewal.” Our individual weekly themes that we will seek renewal for in our lives are as follows: Servanthood, Obedience, Witness, True Religion, Priorities, and Godly Fear. And then for Holy Week we will look at the themes of: Christian Unity, Faith, and Hope.

I hope that you will be able to join us for our midweek, noon-time services, as we seek a renewal of our spirits throughout the journey of lent. And for those of you not able to take part in our congregational reflection and worship, I encourage you to seek out your own individual ways in which you can be renewed in your life in Christ during this meditative season. You have nothing to lose, but much to gain.

Have a Blessed Month,

Pastor John

## Letter from the President



March 1st is Ash Wednesday and also the start of Lent. Here at Christ Lutheran, we will have the opportunity to observe Lent together through our weekly midweek services. As is our custom, all noon services will be followed by a soup lunch fellowship. Invite your friends and coworkers.

Watch the calendar and bulletin for continuing opportunities in March to live out our mission of providing loving service. One future opportunity I want to specifically mention includes the Visual Arts Camps to be held in late June and July. Jordan will be hosting a planning and brainstorming meeting on Sunday, March 5th after late service. If you can help out with the camps, please consider attending. Most of the children who attend are not part of our congregation, so the camps represent an opportunity to share the love of Christ with others. *(continued on p. 2)*



# Letter from the President

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With respect to our facilities, February brought the start of our city-required recycling program. We now have dumpster service for landfill waste and for recycling. Please help the environment by appropriately separating things that you discard. A contractor replaced the Workshop roof along with some rotten decking, and the Trustees installed low clearance bars in the garage. The Trustees continue to work on pest control issues. I am happy to report that the Narthex sound system has been repaired so that worship services can be heard outside the sanctuary. This was particularly important so that parents, ushers and others who need to leave the sanctuary during worship can still participate.

Finally, the Council will meet in March to determine a date for the April voters' meeting and to set an agenda. Stay tuned.

— Alan Werchan



## Tick-Tock!

Daylight Savings begins March 12th



Please remember to recycle while here at the church.

Posters are on display around the church with instructions detailing the materials to recycle.

Items required to be recycled include paper, cardboard, numbered plastics, soda cans, and glass jars.

More information is available at [www.austinrecycles.com](http://www.austinrecycles.com)

## Midweek Worship Schedule for Lent

Date	Worship Time(s)	Soup Luncheon after Noon Worship
3-1 Ash Wednesday	12pm* & 7pm*	Yes
3-8	12pm	Yes
3-15	12pm	Yes
3-22	12pm	Yes
3-29	12pm	Yes
4-5	12pm	Yes
4-13 Maundy Thursday	12pm* & 7pm*	No
4-14 Good Friday	12pm & 7pm	No

\*services include Holy Communion

## Hebrews 1:3

The **Son** is the radiance of God's glory and the exact **representation** of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.



## Feed My Lambs Update

The sack lunch program handed out 10 lunches during the month of January, and 13 lunches in February. We continue to make fresh sandwiches on the last Thursday of each month. Please contact the church office with any questions.





## Cooking with Eunice



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”.

## Eunice Guild

All women are invited to gather on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 12:00 noon in Rms 7/8 for a time of fellowship and devotion sponsored by the Eunice Guild. In anticipation of the Reformation in October 2017, we will continue our Bible study and discussion in praise and thanksgiving for our faith, our church family, and especially, the Savior we share.

## R&R Group

**Relaxed & Retired -  
but always "Rarin' to Go"!!**

Come join us for lunch on March 2nd at Pecan Street Brewing Company in Johnson City (courthouse square). We will leave right after Rev. Ziehr's Bible Class at 11:00. Carpooling will be available.

After lunch we will have a tour and tasting at Garrison Brothers Distillery in Hye, 1827 Hye Albert Rd. (between Johnson City and Fredericksburg) at 2:00 pm. You get to taste the bourbon every step along the way. There is a charge of \$10.00. Wine, beer, soft drinks, and lemonade are available for a donation. For questions, contact the Alexanders at 512-288-2003 or the Westfalls at 512-385-6609.

## SEA FOAM SALAD

In large bowl soften:

- 1 pkg. lemon jello
- 1 pkg. lime jello in 1 1/2 cups of hot water

COOL.

- Add
- 1 cup mayonnaise (not salad dressing)
  - 1 can Eagle Brand canned milk
  - 1 cup small curd cottage cheese
  - 1 can (about 2 cups) crushed pineapple, undrained
  - 1 cup chopped pecans

Chill in 9x13 dish or bowl of your choice.

### † Meditation verses:

**John 15 (paraphrased) —**

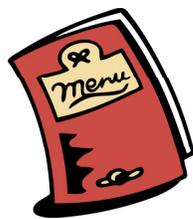
**I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.**

**I am the vine and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.**

## Lenten Soup Lunches

The Fellowship Committee invites you to enjoy a soup lunch, served after each Noon Lenten Service, starting with Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Your cookie donations are also welcome – please label them with, "For Lenten Soup Lunch".



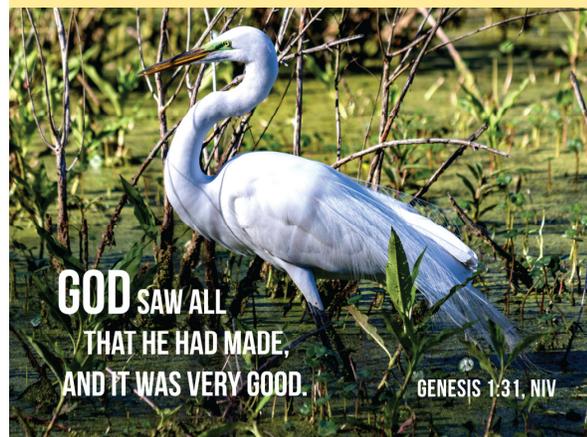
- March 1, Noodle Soup
- March 8, Taco Soup
- March 15, Wonton Soup
- March 22, Corn Chowder
- March 29, White Bean and Ham
- April 5, Beef and Noodle Soup

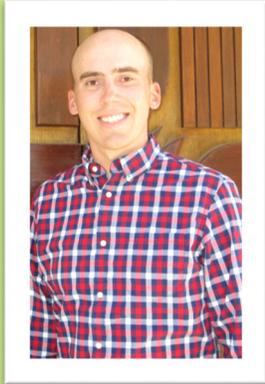


## Annual Soap Collection for LWR

During the months of February and March, the Ladies of the Eunice Guild are sponsoring the annual soap collection for Lutheran World Relief. The LWR website says, "Send us soap, and we will see it gets to people in need."

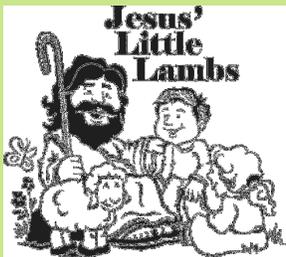
They accept any brand of bar soap in original wrapping and prefer bath size bars. Please place your donations in the washtub in the Narthex, and be sure to place it there with a prayer in your heart. Thank you!





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.

## Hope Family Thrift Store

Volunteer to help with Austin Disaster Relief Network's thrift store's 2nd Anniversary Salebration on Saturday, March 4, from 9:30 am - 12 noon. We have the opportunity to help with activities like face painting, making popcorn, and filling balloons.



1122 East 51st Street  
Austin, TX 78723

Please also feel free to shop at, and bring donations to, the thrift store in support of those who have affected by disasters, like fires and floods. Please contact Jordan for details, and to sign up to serve.

## Heifer International

Let's "Fill The Ark" this Lent and collect coins for a good cause, and help move families around the world toward greater self-reliance through gifts of livestock and training in environmentally sound equipment.

Please pick up a Heifer International Giving Bank and Giving Calendar from the Narthex starting Sunday, March 5, and toss in change toward ending hunger and poverty, and return the coin banks to the Church on Palm Sunday, April 9. Thank you for your support. Please contact Jordan with questions.

## Men's Discipleship Class

On Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 pm, in the Christ's Workshop, we have the opportunity to be encouraged by The Lord, and by each other, as brothers in Christ.

Tim Ristow is leading us in reading the book of Ecclesiastes, verse by verse, and reflecting on it in a way that's relevant to our lives today.

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

## Central Texas Food Bank

Volunteer with the Food Bank in their new Product Recovery Warehouse on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

6500 Metropolis Dr  
Austin, TX 78744

Volunteers must be 8 years or older. Twenty volunteer spots available.  
Please contact Jordan for details, and to sign up to serve.





## Visual Arts Camp

Our summer community art camps for 2017 will be June 26-30 and July 24-28 for children just finishing K-5th Grade. The schedule for each week is Draw Monday, Sculpt Tuesday, Paint Wednesday, Teamwork Thursday, and Finale Friday with sessions from 9 am - 12 noon daily at the CLC Workshop.

A child is able to be enrolled in either or both weeks; the subject matter of the art projects will be a little different during each one. Limited number of participant spots. Registration forms available at the Church and via [www.christaustin.org](http://www.christaustin.org).

Cost per child is \$50 (for supplies) for one week, or \$85 for both weeks. Please contact Jordan for more information about our 2017 Visual Arts Camps at Christ.

## Planning Meeting for Art Camps

We will be meeting at 12 noon (after late service) on Sunday, March 5 in order to build up a volunteer team for our art camps and to brainstorm art projects. Youth just finishing 6th-12th grades have the opportunity to be art apprentices, and to serve with responsibilities that help us provide this program for our Church and community.

If you are interested in giving of your time in some way toward the teamwork that it takes to make these art camps memorable and meaningful, please contact Jordan for details, and please make plans to attend the meeting and to bring your own lunch.



## Kingdom Quest & Lutheranism 101

We've had a super start to 2017 and are committed to learning about Jesus all year long.

On Sundays at 9:30 am, it is good to be here for Kingdom Quest and Lutheranism 101 to remember that **God is Love**, and that we are loved by His Son, Jesus.

In March, our theme of "**We Believe Jesus Died for Us**" coincides with the season of Lent. Our classes for children and youth are setting our sights on the cross, and the empty tomb we'll experience in April.



## Easter Egg-stravaganza

Our annual Easter Sunday festivities for our families (from toddlers through 5th Grade) at Christ will be on April 16.

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 19, please be sure to sign up your family and to secure your spots to be a part of our Easter Egg-stravaganza.





# Sharing the Love of Christ

## Quilters in the Spirit



## Texas Ramp Project



## Men & Boys Retreat



## Marbridge House



## Lutheranism 101 for Teens





Celebrations!



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z \_\_\_\_\_  
 A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z \_\_\_\_\_  
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 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q S T U V W X Y Z \_\_\_\_\_

When I am in \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to you,  
 because you \_\_\_\_\_ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.

LEAP YEAR BIRTHDAY

Sarah Zieschang 2/29



Gary Lippe 3/1

Jordan Boessling 3/3

Alex Stivers 3/3

Jane Carrion 3/6

Geneva Alvarez 3/8

Nathan Emmrich 3/12

Duannah Ashmore 3/21

Divina Stennfeld 3/22

Victoria Sisbarro 3/25

Joyce Jakobeit 3/26

Shirley Hoes 3/27

Pachalin Stennfeld 3/30



Belinda & Matias Reveles  
3/2/1996

Louise & Bert Stuenkel  
3/4/1972

Christine & Alex Stivers  
3/7/2015

Maria & Samuel Martinez  
3/12/1983

Mary & Brian Karotkin  
3/19/1990





**ELDERS:**



**8:15am: Bill Ashmore**  
**10:45am: Kevin Craig**



**March 5**

**Flowers:** Bert & Louise Stuenkel,  
in honor of their anniversary

**Tellers:** P. Bost/ M. Moore

**8:15am:** Lector: Bill Ashmore  
Acolyte: Katy Herber

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

**Communion Guild**

**8:15am:** LeMorris Galbreath

**March 19**

**Flowers:** In honor of Betty Shaw,  
given by her children

**Tellers:** C. Kanetzky/V.Kanetzky

**8:15am:** Lector: Bill Ashmore  
Acolyte: Katy Herber

**10:45am:** Lector: Norma Nanyes  
Acolyte: Seth Werchan

**Communion Guild**

**8:15am:** Felix & Louise Alexander

**March 12**

**Flowers:** David & Kim Schaare \*

**Tellers:** P. Bost/ M. Moore

**8:15am:** Lector: Charles Kanetzky  
Acolyte: Justin Medina

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

**Communion Guild**

**10:45am:** Jared Juszczak

**March 26**

**Flowers:**

**Tellers:** C. Kanetzky/V.Kanetzky

**8:15am:** Lector: Charles Kanetzky  
Acolyte: Justin Medina

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

**Communion Guild**

**10:45am:**

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 (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**

