Holy Week at Christ Church

Our celebration of the “Great Three Days” begins with worship on Maundy Thursday, 2 April and runs through Easter Sunday on 5 April. All are invited to join us for these remarkable days of worship. Here is what our worship book, the ELW, has to say about these days at the very center of the church’s liturgical year—days that are at the center of our spiritual life together:

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to use through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus’ own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that “after three days he will rise again” (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

Maundy Thursday

On this night we begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus’ passing over from death into life. The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus’ new commandment (mandatum, from which Maundy comes) to love one another. As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus’ example of humility and service, we may wash one another’s feet as Jesus washed the disciples’ feet. On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord’s supper. At the service’s conclusion, the altar area may be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus’ abandonment.

Good Friday

The Good Friday service continues the journey through the Three Days of Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection. At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ’s victory on the cross. As Jesus draws all people to himself, we pray for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. With all God’s people we are invited to bow before this mystery of faith. Christ has died, so that we may live.

Vigil of Easter

On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ’s passage from death to life. The service includes strong signs: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and Word of baptism, the first resurrection meal. And powerful words: the great saving stories of Hebrew scriptures and the first Easter gospel. We keep this wondrous night in the spirit of vigil, our lamps lit, awaiting Christ’s coming both now and at the end of time. Alleluia! Christ is risen! And Christ will come again.

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Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm
Good Friday, April 3, 7:00pm
Easter Vigil, April 4, 8:30pm
Easter Morning, April 5, 9:30am
Announcements

Retirees
Join us at 11:00 on Wednesday, April 29, for program (check bulletin for more information). Potluck lunch will follow. Everyone welcome!

Funeral
A funeral service for Roald Carlson, father of Pastor Carlson, was held on Saturday 21 March at Christ Church Lutheran.

Helping Hands
March/April
If you are named in the above helping hands chart, please help with Sunday morning coffee fellowship in the form of set up, clean up, or treats. Contact Mary Bode or Joanne Seltz for details. mhbode@gmail.com | seltz4@aol.com
**Finances Update**

The finance committee wants to provide you with the most current information about our congregation’s finances. In addition to other communications, we will provide a quick report on the state of our operating budget in each issue of *The Courier*.

As is typical for our congregation, our envelope giving is lagging behind our targets for the first quarter. There haven’t been any surprises on the expense side, however, so our operating budget remains within tolerance of projected levels.

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*Jeses Loves Me and You,*  
Chalkboard art by Carmina.
From the March 17 Council Meeting

Our devotions were led by Hilary Gebauer, who introduced us to a book entitled *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*. We had a good conversation about hospitality at Christ Church.

We continued the discussion of the goals that grew out of our council retreat, focusing on specific actions we could take to help meet these goals. At our February meeting we identified two goals: 1. bringing new members deeper into the life of the congregation and 2. enhancing communication about what’s happening at Christ Church Lutheran. We made plans for a time and talents initiative later in the spring and developed suggestions about concrete steps for communicating activities within the congregation.

The computer in the church office is over five years old and extremely slow and clumsy. The software currently in use for financial recordkeeping is out of date and no longer supported by the manufacturer. We approved the purchase of a new computer and an upgrade of the software. Colin Watkins is leading this initiative. Colin also initiated a discussion of possible investment strategies for the money gathered through the Second Century Campaign. Much depends on when the money will be needed, so we decided to return to the question once clearer timelines for various projects were in place.

Next we set up a spending mechanism for the project management task force, so that group could pay for smaller expenses related to planning building projects without having to come to council with each request. The council approved an account of $10,000 through the end of the year. We approved a contract with architecture firm MacDonald and Mack, not to exceed $4,000, for miscellaneous consulting. This contract is in addition to two existing contracts with MacDonald and Mack, and its purpose is to clarify the accounting process.

Council members contributed individually toward a gift on behalf of the council in memory of Roald Carlson, Pastor Carlson’s father. We began the process of developing a formal policy for staff bereavement leave. The first step will involve investigating practices in other congregations. The council voted that these current two weeks, which had been scheduled as vacation for Pastor Carlson, be offered as paid bereavement leave during the time of her father’s death.

Many reports from pastors, committees, and task forces made clear how much life and work are happening among us. We adjourned our meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

Sabbatical Postponed

Pastor Carlson announced the news of her father’s illness in worship on Sunday 8 March. In light of this recent development, the pastoral support committee, along with Pastor Carlson, have decided to postpone the sabbatical activities that had been planned for 2015. We will continue to keep Pastor Carlson’s sabbatical, as well as the time of congregational sabbatical, as a priority and will move forward with planning when the timing is right.

More info about the Second Century Campaign and photos from the pancake brunch on pages 6 and 7.
Maria shares a Bible story with our children in the red room during the sermon.

Taking turns flying paper airplanes

Christ Church choir in rehearsal
Second Century Campaign: Now It’s Our Turn

The Second Century Campaign kicked off with a pancake brunch for the entire congregation on Sunday 1 March. Roger and Liz Gomoll walked us from the beginning $1.55K campaign goal to the $190,000 that needs to be raised by the congregation. Each member is asked to participate in this campaign. Bob Davis, Dan Mueller, and DeAné Lagerquist each spoke on one of the three components of the campaign: building preservation, new organ, and mission. Campaign committee members are Bob Victorin-Vangerud, Birgitte Christianson, Gerry Tyrell, Mary Bode, Liz Gomoll, Roger Gomoll, and Pastor Kristine Carlson.
Christ Church Lutheran
Summer School Program—2015

Daily curriculum includes craft activities, gross motor skills, academics, free play, songs, and a snack.

Summer Preschool
33 months to 5/pre-K, potty-trained

June 8–12: Seasons with Ali
Children will make “snow” and snowmen, plant plants and make butterflies, go camping in the classroom, and make apple creatures.

June 15–19: Storytelling with Bronte
Children learn storytelling topics the first day, create pieces of their own story each day, and perform their final product on the last day.

June 22–26: Dinosaurs with Ali
Children learn about dinosaurs, paleontologists, skeletons, and food, make dino teeth and skeletons, create recycled-goods dinos, and go on a dino dig.

Summer Elementary School
kindergarten to 3rd grade

June 8–12: Storytelling with Bronte
Children learn storytelling topics the first day, create pieces of their own story each day, and perform their final product on the last day.

June 15–19: Drama with Maria
Children will create their own play and act in it. They will also discover how to make costumes and build a set.

June 22–26: Globetrotter with Bronte
Children discover a new country and culture each day and make crafts that represents each.

Instructors

Ali May has worked with children as a nanny, in a childcare center, and as a hostess and event planner at the Minnesota Children’s Museum. She has a degree in child psychology and studio arts.

Bronte Metzger currently attends the University of Minnesota for Youth Studies. She has been working in Luxton Park in Prospect Park for the past two years, coaching sports teams, and teaching an arts and crafts class.

Maria Markman attends Concordia University and teaches Sunday School at Christ Church. Before attending Concordia she toured with Young Americans, a children’s theater group.

Cost is $12 a day per child. Choose from one to five days a week. Class is from 9am to noon and meets at Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Avenue South in Minneapolis. Daily curriculum includes craft activities, gross motor skills, academics, free play, songs, and a snack. Register by calling 612.721.6611 or emailing at mail@christchurchluth.org.
Mozart’s Last Year: 
Sadness, Mercy, and Festivity
Saturday 11 April | 7:00pm
The WolfGang

Sponsored by the Friends of Christ Church Lutheran

The WolfGang continues its exploration of the music and events of Mozart’s last year, 1791. The ensemble will play world premieres of its own transcriptions of the sublime Mauerische Trauermusik (sadness), the overture to La Clemenza di Tito (mercy), and German Dances (festive music for the Viennese court).

The program captures the whirlwind of creativity from this amazing year, exhibiting the depth and breadth of Mozart’s music and what the world lost with his premature passing. The program begins with two works Mozart composed early in 1791 for the glass harmonica phenom Marianne Kirchgaessner. (The WolfGang is amazed that the works could ever have been played on this instrument. She must have been dazzling!) A brief diversion revisits a beautiful Mozart Adagio for Oboe and String Trio and a divertimento for oboe and strings by Florian Leopold Gassmann, who taught composition to Mozart’s rival Antonio Salieri. And there is an echo from Mozart’s youth, movements from a surprisingly sophisticated flute sonata from when eight-year-old Mozart toured with his father. Explore this consummate and final music of Wolf-gang Amadeus Mozart with the WolfGang. Admission is $15 suggested donation.
Lectionary Readings
April 2015

Thursday 2 April
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday 3 April
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday 4 April
Resurrection of Our Lord—Vigil of Easter
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Sunday 5 April
Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8

Sunday 12 April
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

Sunday 19 April
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday 26 April
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Upcoming Educational Forums
Sundays 11:15am

5 April
Easter Sunday—No Forum

12 April
Young Adults in Global Mission
Rachel Johnson
Part of our current capital campaign includes a gift to All Things New, the Campaign for the ELCA. One exciting aspect of that campaign is the increased funding it will provide for Young Adults in Global Mission, an ELCA program that sends young people all around the world for a year of service and companionship with partner churches. Learn about this exciting program from Rachel Johnson, a recent YAGM alum.

19 April
Understanding Bonhoeffer Today
Victoria Barnett
9 April 2015 marks seventy years since the execution of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A Lutheran pastor and theologian, he was killed for his active resistance to the Nazi Regime. Explore the life of this remarkable man with distinguished guest and scholar Victoria Barnett.

April Birthdays
4/1 Dick Bruesehoff
Nancy Hokkanen
4/2 Hans Adams
Len Johnson
4/7 Sebastien Lewis
4/9 Kayla Parkos
4/10 Simo Sarkanen
4/12 Elizabeth Bryan
4/14 Terry Rong, Elaine Pilon
4/18 Luther Johnson
4/19 Liz Gomoll, Max Wipperman
4/20 Kristine Carlson, David Seltz
Matt Wieland
4/22 Lynn Larson
4/23 Donna Peterson
4/25 Emily Schuett
4/26 Jeanne Anderson,
Rebecca Dodd, Dan Mueller
4/27 Dawn Dankers, Kylie Larson
4/29 Phyllis Dunstone
Brittany Sampson
Gerry Tyrrell

Victoria Barnett is Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Author of numerous books and articles on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Confessing Church, she also served as one of the general editors of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works series published by Fortress Press.

26 April
When in Rome: What We Can Learn from Rome’s Historic Churches
Will Stark
Join Christ Church Lutheran member Will Stark on a discovery of our common and not-so-common bonds with our Roman brothers and sisters who worship in their centuries-old churches while practicing hospitality to hundreds of thousands of tourists. What can we learn as they manage modern worship, throngs of tourists and accessibility in their historic churches? What challenges and opportunities do we share, and how do we set ourselves apart at Christ Church?
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(Meals on Wheels)
### Volunteer Schedule

**Sunday Worship Services - 9:30 a.m.**

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