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Dear Friends in Christ,

In April, we end our Lenten journey with Palm Sunday (April 2nd). This also brings us into Holy Week with Maundy Thursday (April 6), Good Friday (April 7), and Easter Sunday (April 9). The Worship Committee has planned for many extras to help us live out the last days of Jesus' earthly life into the celebration of His resurrection.

On Palm Sunday we will process with palms and shouts of "Hosanna" from the Labyrinth area into the Sanctuary. On Maundy Thursday at 7 pm, we will tell the story of Jesus' last meal with his friends, where He washed their feet as an act of sacrificial love. We will celebrate the Holy Meal together and then strip the altar area, departing in silence, in preparation for Good Friday. At 7 pm on Good Friday, we will gather in silence, as we hear again the story of the death of Jesus on the cross from the gospel according to John. We will participate in scripture, prayer and song, as we leave the worship space empty as a tomb.

Then Easter Sunday morning, we will celebrate with flowers and singing and shouts of "Allel..." (pst! Wait 'til Easter). We are planning for several baptisms during the service and a surprise or two! Above all, we will celebrate the new life we all have in the resurrected Christ!

I give thanks for the many hands and hearts that have planned and will carry out a lot of extra time and talent to make this Holy Week and Easter celebration a joyful announcement of God's love for all of creation!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Laurie Arroyo, Interim Pastor



Preschool News

Our "Boots & Bling" fundraiser was on Friday, March 10th at the Grand Event Center. We had about 100 people attend the served dinner. There were teacher date, classroom basket, a jewelry raffle, and a 50/50 raffle, horseshoe toss, wine pull, 60 silent auction baskets, class projects, 5 live auction items including Wango Tango tickets, Pasta Dinner at The Boathouse and Duffy Boat ride for 8, and a taco party for up to 30 with Choura Events and our Fund an Item to raise money for Special Visitors/experiences for the children. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time! We brought in \$21,380 with a profit of \$17,508. \$2,000 of that was raised for the fund an item to have special things like a snow day and petting zoo. Congratulations to our 50/50 raffle winner, Eden Vargas (a preschool parent) who won \$600 for half the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle and so generously donated it back to the preschool. Thank you Eden!

In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. This is always a fun day to play with the children's imaginations; building leprechaun traps, finding clues that the leprechauns have been around and finding a pot of gold! We also had parent-teacher conferences, either in-person or on Zoom. We started Registration for current students and siblings for our Fall session on March 20th. We will begin to register people from our waiting list in April.

In April, we celebrate Easter with our Easter Celebration on Fri 4/7. We will have egg hunts for the children followed by a picnic on the yard with their families. We will close at 12:30pm and be closed Monday, 4/10.

We will celebrate Week of the Young Child April 24th-28th. Our Theme for the week will be "Kindness Matters". Themes will be "Building a Community full of Kind Hearts", "Paint the World with Kindness", "Kindness Rocks", "One Big Family", and "Sprinkle Kindness" Donut Party. Each day will be full of fun activities like building a box community, fly swatter painting, making our own drums and more! This is always an exciting and fun week to celebrate young children.

Wishing you a beautiful Spring!

Lisa Clinton

April *Church in Society* Giving Focus

Joanie's Purse If you're in a spring cleaning mood, save the large to medium size purses you have enjoyed and are ready to share with someone else. We also collect small hygiene and gift items that we can put into these purses that are then given out to women transitioning from shelters into independent living situations. These will be a Spring/Mother's day gift. There will be a bulletin insert coming soon.

We need these items by Easter Sunday.

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New Life Beginnings With a full house of mothers and children and prices going up on everything, they are currently in need of some gift cards to Sam's Club, Costco, Target, Walmart or Smart & Final. These will be used to purchase groceries and supplies for the families in the home. They are also open to receiving home grown produce such as oranges, apples, avocados, squash, etc.

We will be collecting throughout April.



If you are a Ralph's Shopper, please add Christ Lutheran to the Community Programs partnership attached to your Ralph's card. We received donations totaling \$90.34 from just 13 households since January 2023.



Eligible clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit

organizations, including churches. CLC received \$2176.00 last year. Thank you to church members who have selected CLC to receive these charitable gifts. Ask your Thrivent rep for details.

Saturday, April 1st Help needed
to cut and prepare palms for
decorating the Sanctuary,
10am

Sunday, April 2nd
Palm Sunday
Congregation Activity after
worship

Thursday, April 6th
Maundy Thursday Worship
Service 7pm

Friday, April 7th
Good Friday Worship Service
7pm

Saturday, APRIL 8TH
Significant help need to
decorate the Sanctuary for
Easter worship.

Saturday, April 8th
Sons of Norway will meet at
noon. Everyone is welcome to
come and learn about the
Norwegian culture.

Sunday, April 9th 930am
Resurrection of our Lord
Easter Worship Service
Baptism Reception, Easter Egg
Hunt, Bounce House, Spring
Photo background

Thursday, April 13th
***OWLs (Obviously Wise**
Lutherans) will meet at 12:00
noon in the Social Hall. Bring
a side dish to share.

Tuesday, April 25th
Daytimer's LunchBunch will
meet at 11:30am at Hof's Hut
on Bellflower Blvd in
Los Altos.





Mothers Home Update

Call and schedule for a tour today!
(562)590-1538
<https://www.newlb.org>



Dear Friends of New Life Beginnings,

Covid was a difficult time for us here at New Life Beginnings (NLB). I'm very proud to announce our Grace has graduated and moved out. Her struggle for two years was going through a drug problem that she has overcome and battling child services for the custody of her two children. It seemed to be an impossible situation, no one would have thought she would be where she is today, Graces story is truly a miracle. I personally feel like a proud parent. My girl did it. It was never easy for her; we never made it easy for her. She followed every rule and went above and beyond anything we ever asked of her. The victory belongs to Grace.

Sharon, our case manager, worked daily side-by-side with Grace through court hearings, programs, encouraging her to keep up with her chores and be on time for every activity. Grace is more than a conqueror. She is a successful woman, mother, and daughter. Grace is very proud of herself, she worked hard. Without the love and support of our donors, the accomplishments Grace achieved would not have been possible.

On behalf of the women and children, staff, and myself, we are so grateful for your support. The food never ran out, utilities were never turned off, and our bills were always paid. NLB is one of the few programs that survived Covid with our doors always remaining open.

Our home is currently full, with 22 residents. We always keep one room available for emergency situations that the police department may bring. Thank you so much for keeping our doors open and allowing us the privilege of serving the homeless women and children in our community.

Blessings to all of you!

Sincerely,
Rebecca - President & Founder

Grace and her 2 children.



By Heart

Do you like to Sing?



Please join us to sing just for fun. Lots of old, familiar songs will ring out. No experience or expertise is necessary. All levels welcome!

Piano by Karla Devine

Wednesdays	St Timothy Lutheran Church
4pm	4645 Woodruff Ave.
Starting March 1	Lakewood Choir Room



Members at Home or in Care Centers: Justin Bartlow, Laurie Ennen, Ione Marchael, Sydney Nichols, and Frances Willms.

Those struggling with illness or other concerns: Don Darnauer, Judy Haenn, Daniel Howard, Karen Koch, Bary & Janice Schlieder, Kurt Weisel, Gary & Linda Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Michael, Noah, Marylyn, Terry, Cheryl, Lois Brown, Zach Burkard, Byron, John Caldwell, Scott Carr, Charlie and David Corm, Mary Croes, Glenn Darnauer, Tamara Fitzgerald, Brechin Flournoy, Alberta Gray, Cindy Gray, Evie Holdhusen, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Jeff and Cindy, Barb Korsmo, Katrina Lahr, Sue Lance, Paula Pettit, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Emily Renton, Cindy, Mary Kathryn Rivera, Vicki Thompson, Jessica, and Jenny West.

Those Who Mourn: We thank God for the life of our longtime member, Don Westerhoff, who passed away in March. We pray for comfort for his family and friends.

We pray for the ongoing work of:

- + Christ Lutheran's Pastoral Call Committee
- + Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia
- + First responders who provide safety, security, and care
- + Those serving in our nation's Military, especially Samuel Brown, Ryan Dorris, Morgan Llewellyn, Johnny Luna, Jim Reeder, Steven, Brina and Michael Navarro.



4/21 Linda and Gary Zimmerman



4/1	Brianna Peralta
4/3	Amanda Johnson
4/9	Phyllis Kay
4/9	Matthew Nelson
4/10	Laurie Ennen
4/14	Shannon Howard
4/17	Stephanie Petrbook
4/48	John Ennen
4/27	Lisa Cottrell
4/27	Mark Moon
4/28	Paislee Treat
4/30	Tricia Latiolait
4/30	Stephanie Murray

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Mission Statement:

Christ Is Alive!

Vision Statement:

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With His love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

May Newsletter Deadline:

April 15

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 Worship 9:30am**

**Live on FB or later on YouTube
 Channel**



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