

Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PASTOR'S LETTER



Dear Church,

I'm writing this letter on the Monday morning of Holy Week. Yesterday we celebrated Palm Sunday and observed the Passion of the Christ during Sunday worship. We heard the Gospel about Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We blessed and waved palms in the air. We sang sweet hosannas. However, about a quarter way into the service, the direction of our worship took a dark turn. We went from ceremoniously singing *All Glory Laud and Honor* to Jesus to calling out "Crucify him!" with the crowds. We journeyed from the streets of Jerusalem to the Upper Room. We followed Jesus' arrest in the Garden to his Passion on the Cross. Finally, we ventured to the place where Jesus was laid in the tomb. All this is to say that our service began on a high note and left us hanging with the heaviness of his death. As Christians we know that the story does not end there. The story of Jesus is one that begins and ends (in the Bible) with surprise. I can relate to surprises and things not exactly working out how you might expect.

The week before Holy Week usually tends to be full of surprises as a pastor. Things come up and stuff happens whenever you are about to have a "Super Bowl" week. This past weekend did not fail to disappoint. It began on Saturday with a rather unfortunate experience when I stupidly put too much food down our garbage disposal. When I tried to do dishes my kitchen sink backed up and I was unable to (even with about a gallon of liquid plumber) fix the clog. In a sense, the "last meal" was the straw that broke the camel's back and there was no turning back. Several hundred dollars later and a visit from a plumber – we had a kitchen sink that worked properly. The waters of life flowed freely again. This was not at all what I expected when I sent some unfinished pasta down the drain. What an *unpleasant* surprise to begin Holy Week.

The Gospel is full of surprises. Think about it...Jesus was born in a barn and laid in a manger to an unmarried young couple. Jesus was not a warrior-king like his people expected him to be, but a healer, peace-maker, teacher, and feeder (of the poor, of the lost, of those seeking purpose). He did not assume some powerful leadership position in his community, but he rejected everything that people tried to thrust upon him. He did not ride a majestic steed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday – but he sat upon a donkey and trotted into town among the poor and fearful.

The story of the Passion is surprising of course, because the Son of God is rejected by the people whom God fell in love with as God's own family. Jesus' own disciples betray and reject him. It seems for a moment as if God has even forgotten Jesus. When he breathes his last breath, dies, and is laid in the tomb, it seems the story is over. What more could there possibly be? Easter is the ultimate surprise of the Gospel. That Jesus in his death and resurrection would *kill* death itself is the surprise of all surprises. Things do not work out at all how we would think they would. I suspect this is why God shows up in surprising ways in our lives and in ways we could not possibly imagine.

It is my prayer for you and your families that you have a meaningful and joy-filled Easter. Some of you have had really terrible years since last Easter. You may have lost a friend or family member. Maybe you experienced some other kind of loss (illness, finances, work, or independence). There are all sorts of things that we cannot possibly expect to happen that end up happening throughout our lives. Each year is surprising in its' own wonderful and terrible ways. However, as Christians we can be reminded that the story of God's Son is full of surprises and it does not end with Jesus laid down in the tomb. It ends with the stone being rolled away on Easter morning, with life bursting out of death, and new hope. May you have a blessed Easter! Christ is risen!

With joy,
Pastor Dan

STEWARDSHIP

DEFINITION: Stewardship

1. the position and duties of a steward, a person who acts as the surrogate of another or others, especially by managing the property, financial affairs, an estate, etc.
2. the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving

When applied to our Christian faith, stewardship means the managing of all gifts that have been given to us by God the Creator. We are entrusted with the responsibility to wisely manage the owner's property, along with the implied accountability of how well it is managed. Herein lies the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship – the fundamental principle of all Christianity, in fact: We own nothing. God owns everything; we are simply managers. Will it be MY WILL or THY WILL? Our answer to this question will determine how we manage the time, abilities, money, truth and relationships God has placed under our care.

(Parts taken from <https://bible.org/seriespage/32-stewardship>)

The Stewardship Committee

OPPORTUNITY: ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now a possibility! If you're in the pew and you'd like to give something other than cash or a check, you are encouraged to use your phone to visit



www.christchurchbayview.org and tap the donate button at the bottom. You can pay with an existing PayPal account or with any credit card. It's easy and it saves your information for the next time you visit! Wondering what one of these weird scanny codes in the bulletin is? Give them a scan with a QR reader app on your phone and it will bring up the donation page! Want more information about online giving? See Pastor Dan or contact the church office at 414-481-3530. **Please only donate with a credit card using a Pay Pal account so the church doesn't incur costly fees.**

OPPORTUNITY: A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IS HERE

Have you ever showed up to church on Sunday and forgot about something happening that weekend? Maybe it was a special offering, donation, or event. Have you ever forgot that you signed up for something? We've all been there. Beginning in late September a weekly e-newsletter went out on Fridays via email to remind you about what's going on at church. You can also see who's signed up to read, greet, usher, or if there's a need for volunteers. If you're interested in receiving the *Christ Church Weekly*, contact the Church Administrator (christ-church@att.net) to be added to the list (414-481-3530). Sign up sheets are also available at the information areas at the church entrances, then just drop it in the collection plate. It's that simple.

EASTER BREAKFAST SUNDAY APRIL 1ST 7:45AM-9:00AM

This year's menu is: Idaho potato skin filled with fluffy scrambled eggs and topped with a velvety smooth Wisconsin cheese sauce, served with savory sausage patties, a freshly baked cinnamon roll, a fresh fruit garnish and choice of beverage.



Ticket prices are: Adults: \$6.00 Children: ages 3-12 \$4.00 ages 2 and under Free.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

We thank Mike Mantie and Patti Roginski for preparing and donating the food for the Easter breakfast, Mary Ann Mowery for organizing the volunteers and all those who will be working to make the breakfast a success! It wouldn't happen without you!

OPPORTUNITY: ADULT ED "REVISITING MY CONFIRMATION"

On Sunday mornings April 8 thru May 6 we will briefly return to those (dreaded???) Saturday mornings long ago when we memorized questions and answers to the Evangelical Catechism as young confirmands. The Adult Christian Ed group will explore the meanings to some of the fundamental questions found in the catechism regarding God, Bible, Creed, Law of God, and sacraments. Has our understanding of the memorized answers changed over time? Do we still even believe what became a rote response to some of the most interesting theological questions of all time? Please join us on Sunday Mornings beginning at 8:30 AM in the parlor for some lively discussions concerning our deeply held faith and beliefs. Please see Jim Wick if you have any questions.

OPPORTUNITY: ALL CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB

Reminding all members of Christ Church and family and friends to join us for our next meeting of the Christ Church book club. We will be meeting Sunday April 8th after church to discuss "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. This book is a nonfiction autobiography of her life in the Netherlands particularly during the second world war. It details the story of how her strong faith led her and her family to help friends hide from the Nazis. Books are available either at the library, Half Price Book or also online through Amazon. We hope you join us for fellowship and discussion of this great book.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Carol Borchardt, Carol Dohoney, Debbie Hansen or Mary Ann Mowery

OPPORTUNITY: CROCHETERS (AND KNITTERS TOO!)

Crochet/ knitters, we are extending the deadline for the granny squares from April 1 to Memorial Day. Also, after you have completed the 7 inch square there is to be 2 rounds of single crochet around each square. Hopefully you have saved enough yarn to complete this task. If you cannot crochet, not a problem, just let Ken or Jill know. Let us know how many you have made so far.

Please see Ken Klockow or Jill Unglaub for information.

OPPORTUNITY: EARN POINTS THAT TURN INTO \$\$\$ FOR CHRIST CHURCH AT GFS (GORDON FOOD SERVICE)

Christ Church now has an account with GFS. GFS is similar to Restaurant Depot where they sell bulk foods and food related supplies and offer points when you make a purchase. Here's how you can help:

*Shop at any of these these locations: 6919 S 27th St., Franklin, 2064 Miller Park Way, Milwaukee, 1025 S. Green Bay Road, Racine

*When checking out ask that the points from your purchase go to Christ Churches account. (The cashier will look up our account and credit Christ Church with the points)

*If you're making a purchase for a Christ Church event contact Debbie in the church office for our member card and any cash on the account can be used towards your purchase.

NEED: BAY VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER COLLECTION SUNDAY APRIL 1ST

Canned proteins such as: Tuna, Ham, Spam. Canned fruits and vegetables.

NEED: DIVINE INTERVENTION & LARRY UNDER THE BRIDGE

Most urgent needs are: Paper Towel, Napkins, Regular Coffee, Creamer, Sugar, and Bread.

Donations can be dropped off in the chapel, the fellowship hall (table next to stage) or brought to Tippecanoe Church at 125 W. Saveland at the 1st street door with the awning. Thanks!

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April: The roof project will begin after Easter when the weather breaks

April 1: HAPPY EASTER!! BVCC Food Drive, Easter Breakfast 7:45am-9:00am, Choir 8:15am, Worship, Confirmation 9:30am, **No** Coffee Hour, BVCC Food Pantry collection

April 2-3: Church Office Closed

April 4: Staff Meeting 10:30am, Praise Team 7:00pm

April 5: Weekly Announcement submissions by 10:00am

April 5-7: Pastor Dan in Minnesota for Internment

April 8: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Confirmation & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Book Club Meeting 10:45am, Confirmation Class 11:00am

April 9: Property Meeting 7:00pm

April 11: Quilters 10:00am, Praise Team 7:00pm, Endowment Meeting 7:00pm

April 12: Weekly announcement submissions by 10:00am

April 14: Crochet Class 10:00am

April 15: Praise Team 8:15am, Adult Ed. 8:30am, Chapel Communion 9:00am, Worship, Confirmation & Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, **No** Confirmation Class

April 15-21: Pastor Dan to UCC Chaplain Military Endorsement in Cleveland Ohio (following worship) & UCC Conference Annual Meeting in Plymouth

April 17: Council Meeting 6:30pm

April 19: Weekly announcement submissions by 10:00am

April 20: Chronicles Newsletter submissions by 10:00am

April 21: UCC Conference Annual Meeting in Plymouth, WI

April 22: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Confirmation, Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Defibrillator Review 11:00am (Pine Room) & Confirmation Class

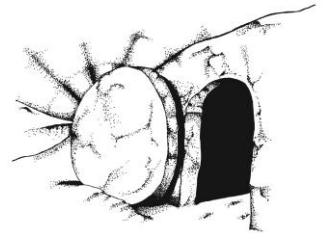
April 22-28: Pastor to Military Duty in Brainerd, MN. (following worship)

April 25: Quilters 10:00am

April 26: Weekly announcement submission by 10:00am, Choir 7pm

April 28: Crochet Class 10:00am

April 29: Adult Ed. 8:30am, Worship, Confirmation, Sunday School 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30am, Confirmation Class 11:00am



SAVE THE DATE

May 6: Marion Consort Concert 4:00pm

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

4/1 Easter Breakfast	4/8 The Behling's	4/15 Volunteer Needed	4/22 The Gaeth's	4/29 Volunteer Needed
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LENOX STREET PARKING HELPER SCHEDULE

4/1 Bill & Carol Borchardt	4/8 Don Antoniewicz	4/15 Tom & Carol Dohoney	4/22 Bill & Carol Borchardt	4/29 Dave & Nancy Wareham
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GREETER SCHEDULE

Oklahoma Street	4/1 The Vail Family	4/8 David & Candice Alswager	4/15 Leone Krueger	4/22 Fritz & Maggie Jorgenson	4/29 David & Maria Porn
Lenox Street	4/1 The Boyle Family	4/8 Debbie Wells	4/15 Betty & Glenn Budzien	4/22 Joyce Neumann & Doris Piacentine	4/29 Dean & Mary Ann Mowery

USHER SCHEDULE

4/1 Joan Amich Judy Savage Chris Urbaniak Amber Urbaniak	4/8 Brad Boyle Cheri Boyle Julene Flanagan Chuck Terlinden	4/15 Mary Ann Mowery Fred Passow Danette Volz Renolle Volz	4/22 Ben Clark Chelsea Clark Debbie Hansen David Porn	4/29 Debbie Behling Tom Dohoney Carol Dohoney Chuck Terlinden
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PRAISE TEAM SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	4/4 7-8:30pm	4/11 7-8:30pm	5/9 7-8:30pm	5/16 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	4/15 8:15-9:15am	5/20 8:15-9:15am		


CHOIR SCHEDULE

Rehearsals	4/26 7-8:30pm	5/3 7-8:30pm	5/24 7-8:30pm	5/31 7-8:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal and Service	4/1 8:15-9:15am	5/6 8:15-9:15am	6/3 8:15-9:15am	

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

4/1 Randene Wick	4/8 Dean Kothrade	4/15 Jill Unglaub	4/22 Randene Wick	4/29 Bill Borchardt
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

4/1  He is Risen	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	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
4/8	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
4/15	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
4/22	Acts 4: 5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
4/29	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-210	John 15:1-8

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all these wonderful folks!



APRIL 1
Michael Miksic
David Porn
APRIL 2
Selena Mayeshiba
APRIL 3
Rebekah Freitag
APRIL 7
Chris Whiting
APRIL 8
Denise Broberg
Taylor Gilgenbach

MARCH 10
Eloise Enright
Ken Pisarek
Ryenne Strausbaugh
APRIL 15
Devon Jorgenson
APRIL 22
Loretta Senderhauf
APRIL 24
Kyle Stouff

APRIL 25
Sue Steinhauer
APRIL 27
Dean Kothrade
Isavella Wick Moreira
APRIL 29
Eric Bingheim
Jedd Spidell
APRIL 30
Corrinne Valleskey

THANKS:

With gratitude we accept a donation from Kathleen Schroeder in memory of her mother, Ann Schroeder's March 3rd Birthday.

A thank you was received from Linda Nieft of the Bay View Community Center. She states, "The number of new families is up by double digits in January and February. Thank you so much for caring about others".

With appreciation we accept a memorial for Dan Crasses mom Lucille Crass, from Fritz & Maggie Jorgenson for the Roof Fund.

With appreciation we accept a donation given in memory of Lawrence N. Poth from Carol A. Forde to our Church School.

ADDRESS UPDATE:

Ruth Buengers address is still: S77W12929 McShane Drive Muskego, WI 53150.

Please do not use an apartment or room # anymore.

CHRIST CHURCH MEMBER NAME TAGS: If you haven't received a name tag or lost yours please contact the church office and one will be made for you and placed on the name tag rack near the gallery (in alphabetical order). Thank You, Debbie Behling, Office Administrator

REMINDER:

Lost and Found: Located in the church office on the front counter. Currently there are some gloves, a scarf, sweater and small fabric purse. Please come and check it out if you've misplaced something.



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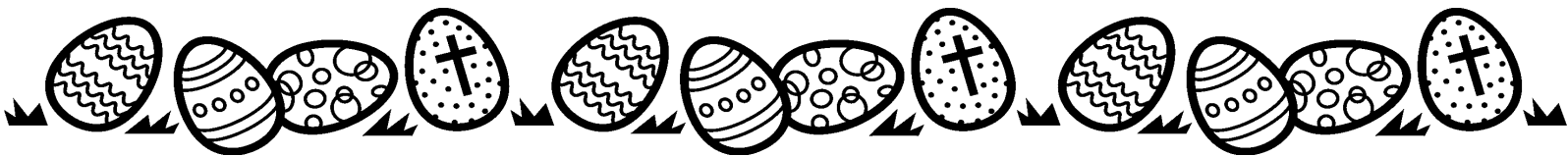
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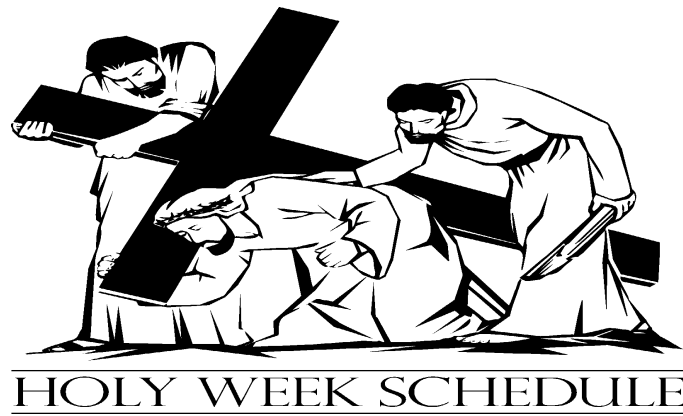
We send out our prayers and thoughts with all who are homebound. Please contact the church office to receive the updated list for sending cards and making phone calls.

On behalf of the Christ Church congregation Easter baskets were delivered and/or Easter gifts were mailed to our shut in's. Thank you to our Sunday School children who made cards and foam decorated Easter eggs and all of you who gave donations towards these gifts.

Any leftover funds will be put towards our next mailing which will be during summer.

The Social Concerns Committee: Debbie Behling (Chair), Debbie Hansen, Sandy Miksic, Mary Ann Mowery, and Sara Rogers (Council liason).





HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GREATER COMMUNITY OF MILWAUKEE

Bay View United Methodist Church

2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414) 744-4036

March 25 - Palms to Passion Sunday worship led by Praise Band at 8:15am and 10:45am

March 29 - Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion and including Wesleyan Bells at 7:00pm

March 30 - Good Friday Tenebrae Drama including Faith Singers at 7:00pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service with Holy Communion at South Shore private home 6:30am (call the church office for details if interested in attending)

Easter Sunday at the Church offer identical services at 9:00am and 10:45am with Holy Communion and led by ALL music ministries

Christ Church United Church of Christ

915 East Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53404 (414)-481-3530

March 25 – Palm/Passion Sunday worship at 9:30am

March 29 – Maundy Thursday Communion service at 7:00pm

March 30 – Good Friday Tenebrae service (“I Was There”) at 7:00pm

April 1 – Easter Sunday breakfast at 7:45-9:00am, Easter Sunday worship at 9:30am (“Death is the Enemy”)

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church

1239 W Mineral St, Milwaukee, WI 53204 (414) 383-1100

March 25 – Palm Sunday Worship at 11:00am. Sermon series “a Journey of Stones” (Crying Stones)

March 29 – Maundy Thursday Communion and Foot Washing service at 7:00pm Sermon series “a Journey of Stones” (Stones to Bread) Join us as we share worship with our sisters and brothers from Underwood Memorial Baptist Church

March 30 – Good Friday Service at 7:00pm. Sermon Series "a Journey of Stones" (The Final Stone)

April 1 – Easter Sunday Worship at 11:00am. Sermon Series "a Journey of Stones" (He's Alive ... Really ... No Foolin!)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

3200 S Herman St, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414) 744-3736

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing at 7:00pm

March 30 - Noon-3pm church open for Prayer and Veneration of Cross and Good Friday Service at 7:00pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday service at 9:00am with Eucharist

Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

125 W Saveland Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414)-481-4680

March 25 - Palm Sunday Intergenerational Worship Celebration. Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs for kids of all ages to dye for our Easter Egg Hunt in the sanctuary on Easter morning.

March 29 - Maundy Thursday (Simple Meal and Worship) at 6pm in the sanctuary. Please bring finger food to share as dinner together. We will end in Tenebrae's Holy Hush...

March 30 - Good/God Friday Ecumenical Worship 6pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday Special Tippe Café - Bring a dish to share at 8:30am, 9:30am Easter Egg hunt, Holy Worship at 10:00am

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

4419 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414) 483-3828

March 25 - Palm Sunday worship at 9:00am, Palm procession and Holy Communion

March 29 - Maundy Thursday service with foot washing at 7:00pm

March 30 - Good Friday Passion service at 7:00pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church

1025 E Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (414) 744-6311

March 29 - Maundy Thursday service at 7:00pm

March 30 - Good Friday service at 7:00pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday worship at 10:00am

ALLELUIA!! CHRIST IS RISEN!!



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