

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

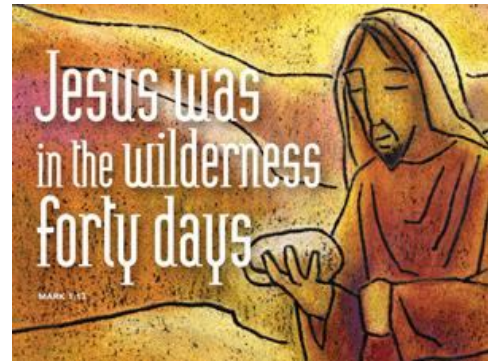
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February 18, 2018

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School 10:15 AM



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

For the Week of 2-18-18 held at CELC

- Sunday** Worship 9 AM, SS 10:15 AM; Worship 10:45 AM
God's Good World Lenten Study 6-7 PM
(Venue changed to Bldg. A, Fellowship Hall)
- Monday** Quilting for Others 9 AM
- Tuesday** I-Help 4 PM
- Wednesday** Men's Bible Studies: 7 AM; Choir 10 AM
Soup Supper 5:30 PM; Lenten Worship 6:30 PM
- Thursday** Book Club 2 PM
- Next Sunday** Worship 9 AM, SS 10:15 AM; Worship 10:45 AM
God's Good World Lenten Study 6-7 PM

Up-Coming Events

Sunday Evenings Feb. 18-March 11, 6-7 PM
God's Good World" Lenten Study
Held in Bldg. A, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays in Lent
5:30 PM Soup Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Saturday, March 3

**Women's Retreat Fellowship Hall
9 AM - Noon**

Saturday, March 10
Spring Cleaning at CELC

Saturday, March 17
8:30 AM New Member Class, Bldg. A, Fellowship Hall

June 4-8
VBS 6-8:30 PM

Sunday Evening Lenten Study

Fellowship Hall in Building A, 6-7 PM

Join us for this year's Lenten Study, "God's Good World." This will start on Sunday, February 18 through Sunday, March 11. We will meet in our **Bldg. A, Fellowship Hall** (venue change) from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

Spring Cleaning

Saturday, March 10



Mark your calendars and spread the word for Saturday, March 10 when we will have a Spring Cleaning Day.

Starting at 8 AM we will be cleaning tables and chairs, cleaning up outside of CELC and other various cleaning/

organizing needs that will need to be addressed as we prepare our place of worship/fellowship for Easter Celebrations.



Outreach Needs This Month

Cereal and cases of Water this month.

Quarter Sundays

What is this?

This accumulative program has us donating a quarter in January and adding another quarter the next month and so on, i.e. January \$.25; February \$.50; March \$.75 etc. for a total of \$19.50 for the year. If each person participates you can see how this can add up. We'll send reminders at the beginning of the month (if you have adopted a cop, you can bring it on those Sundays).

Visitor's Information

"All are welcome in this place"

Welcome to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church - CELC! We would like you to

know that communion (the Eucharist) is served to all. Grape juice (white) is in the center tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from server. You are invited to any event that we hold at CELC, most are listed in this announcement page. This page is also available through our email program; filled out the email line on the Visitor's card and we will add you to the list (you can unsubscribe instantly at any time).

Prayer Requests

Members: Floyd Behm, Dolores/Lowell Bloom, Pat Bolka Family, **John Blanchard**, Mabe Foster, Stevie Henderson, Marchelle Hood, Glenn Hultberg, Michael Jack, **Ron Johnson**, Jack/Mary McDonald, Francia Mercado, Flo Riese, Roy Rood, **LeAnn Rosencrans**, Paula Royal, Jay Stocker, Lura Stubbs, Mike Valabek, Bea Warmoth
Home bound Members: Paula Johnson, Lou Rice

Family & Friends: John Wagner, Sylvia & Rich, Pastor Steve Bergeson, Pastor John Gunn; Marlene Teresa (Yost), Peggy, Frank, Gara Family (Armstrong), Jack/Barb (Sornsinn), Sunny (Henderson), Jose/Marta (Capelli), Deb (Townsend), Jennifer, **Katie** (Brown), Alexa (Anderson), **Dirk, Bill (Hassel)**

Parents Preparing for Birth:

April: Stephen and Beth Gallen; *June:* Tim and Nicole Gallen

All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller

Bishops: Interim Bishop Lowell Almen, Elizabeth Eaton

Seminary Students: Elizabeth Gallen; **Church:** CELC

Our Service men/women: John Buss (Yost), Aaron Kramer+, Adriana Van Wyk, Josh Matzdorf (Capelli), Katie Brunstein+ *servicing overseas* "+"

Family and Friends Prayer Request

*In order to stay up-to-date with ongoing prayer requests,
names will remain on the list for only one month.*

If your request remains active, please contact the office each month.

Worship Assistants for February 18

Pastor: **Jeff Gallen**

Worship/Music: **Miloy Canete**

Additional musicians: **Joe Burmeister**

Steve Raymond: vocal **Rudy Will:** percussion **Conner Kelley:** electric guitar

Bill Michaelis: Trumpet **Jeff Vincent:** Guitar

Fellowship: **Friday Women's Bible Study** Communion Bread: **Judy Wandler**

Assisting Minister: **Pat Bolka**

Altar: **Helen Just**

Lector: **Cris Capelli**

Ushers: **Bruce and Joan Haroldson**

Communion Assistants:

Greeters: **Tony & Mary Ellen Crane**

Thoughts Based on This Week's Readings

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

The Power of Water

Water is an integral part of the created order. Water sustains and fosters life; too little or too much water can end it. A glance at the news headlines points out the destructive power of water's presence or absence: In the United States alone, 2011 saw severe droughts afflict several parts of the country. On the opposite end of the spectrum, floods ravaged the Plains states in the spring and summer, displacing from their homes many people who live near rivers and streams. For those dwelling on or near the Eastern Seaboard, hurricane season is a tense time every year. Yet we need water as much or more than we need food, shelter, or the other "staples" of human life. Since ancient times we have established our communities near sources of water. We cannot survive long without it.

The tension between the saving and destructive powers of water fills today's lectionary readings. The waters of the flood overwhelmed the world in the days of Noah, yet 1 Peter reminds us that God delivered Noah and his family from death. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus only after his baptism by John, yet the Spirit immediately drives Jesus into the desert—a place defined by its lack of water. Through water and the word, in baptism our old, sinful self is put to death, and we are reborn as children of God. But the current that flows through these paradoxes is this: in death and life, in flood and drought, God remains faithful. As the psalmist reminds us, God's mercy and steadfast love "are from everlasting."

Scripture Readings next Sunday, Feb. 25, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

CELC Committees

Contact these members for more information

Sabbatical: Stevie Henderson, Jim Capelli, Shirley Papp, Jennifer Cole, Ann Bruce and Olga Blanchard

Kitchen Team: Peggy Bjornson, Nadine Kriegel, Bob Just, Skip Hood, Ann Bruce, Ken Olson, Marian See

Funeral Food: Karen Olson

Legacy Circle: Elizabeth Banta, Dana House

Nominating Committee -

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