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April 2018



Alelujah!
He is alive!

Everyone is invited to our **Sunrise Communion Service which begins @ 7:00 am**, followed by an **Easter Breakfast (until 9:00 am)**, hosted by the Deacons and Ann Wangerin

THEN JOIN US for our **9:15 am Communion Easter Service.**

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THE CPR CLASS including adult, child, infancy CPR & choking was held Sunday, 3/18/18 at our church. **CONGRATS** to the following for completing the CPR class: **Merlin & Jan Mackenthun, Dan Kottke, Rick Kottke, Troy Lehmann, Randy, Kari & Nathan Warner, Jim Cox, Mike Dahlke, Robbie Navarro, Duane Matthews, Miriam & Andrew Junglaus, Ann Wangerin, Pastor Michael, and Bruce Magnuson.** A **BIG** thank you to the Deacons and Women Fellowship for funds for the class! Another **BIG** thank you to Kari Warner & Barb Magnuson for providing a delicious dinner after the class.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU: Do you know the location of the AED? Fire Blanket?

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." God bless those who took this class to be prepared to help others! Proverbs 3:27

All-Women's Spring Meeting
Wednesday, April 11th

6:00 pm

Please bring a dish to pass for the Pot-Luck Supper. This will be followed by a scheduled speaker, Bev Bonte of Common Cup Ministry and then a short business meeting.

"Statement of Faith"

Confirmands will be a reading their Statements of Faith after the Church Service on April 22nd. Anyone interested in hearing their statements are welcome to join them in the church Sanctuary at 10:30 am.

Sunday School News!

Join our Sunday School and Confirmation kids as they finish up their Sunday School year with music, magic and more, don't miss it!

Sunday School dates:

April 1st - Easter, no Sunday School

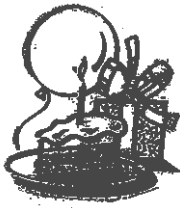
April 8th - Sunday School with Roxy & Renee

**April 15th - Sunday School, Celebration
Sunday practice**

**April 22nd - Sunday School, Celebration
Sunday practice**

**April 29th - Sunday School, Celebration
Sunday practice**

May 6th - Celebration Sunday



Birthdays In April

- 1. Alexandra Hoese
- 2. Tricia Boesche
- 4. Brenda Schultz
- 5. Mavis Berwald
- 9. Bryanna Paul
- 10. Pat Trocke, Roger Landon
- 12. Emily Jungclaus
- 13. Janice Winn
- 14. Bruce Magnuson
- 16. Toni Robson
- 18. Kelly Rach, Troy Lehmann
- 19. David Stark
- 20. Darroll Engelmann
- 22. Shirley Cutlar, Jamie Yurek
- 23. Kara Salmela
- 24. Laura Popelka
- 25. Ozzie Chapman
- 27. Bridget Kienenberger
- 28. James Cox
- 29. Nicholas Schultz

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Check Out the Common Cup Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop of Common Cup Ministry is open at 712 11th Street East, Glencoe.

Volunteers are always needed!

Accepting donations of clothing, dishes, bedding, household items, small tools, small appliances, small furniture, kids toys, (take donations to the back of the building and ring bell for help).

On The Job in April

Deacon of the Month:

Troy Lehmann

Acolytes:

April 8th: Annika & Caleb Richardson

April 15th: McKenzie & Grace Patnaude

April 22nd: Ona Olson-Neely/
Emily Jungclaus

Deaconesses Communion

Schedule:

Easter Sunday, April 1st: Renee Lehmann

Wednesday, April 4th @LTC: Claudia Thunstrom

Confirmation Sunday, April 29th –
Jan Willand

In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

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Suicide Prevention

The public is invited to “Suicide Prevention: Stories of Hope & Healing”, Hutchinson Event Center in Hutchinson, MN on Sunday, April 8th, 6:30-9pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. This FREE inspiring educational evening will feature global speakers, Kevin Hines, suicide attempt survivor and Dick Beardsley, survivor of loss of loved one to suicide. Plus, Meeker, McLeod & Sibley County Community Health Services will present information about mental health resources and services in our area. There will also be resource tables from area mental health & behavioral health agencies and businesses.

Trustees Newsletter Report for March 2018

The following business was addressed at the March 14th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

* Total deposits for February were \$5038.89. Of that, \$4805.81 was for operating expenses; the remainder was for repairs, maintenance, missions and special offerings.

* Other Business:

Voted to approve the February financial report and minutes; mileage reimbursement to Pastor Michael for February and the cost of \$850 for a backup Midi for the Church organ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Warner, Secretary



Women's Fellowship will help sponsor camper-ships for this summer. Youth Camp for 6-12th grade 7/29-8/3. Best pricing is to register before May 1st. Women's Fellowship will provide \$225 of the \$300 for each youth who will attend and \$150 for the adult to accompany them.

2018 Pilgrim Point Camps

Spring Middle School Youth Camp (grades 6-8th and leaders) – Friday, May 4-Sunday, May 6th @ Pilgrim Point Camp

Spend a week-end at Pilgrim Point Camp – a time to pay attention to and celebrate the simple and profound gifts that surround us in each moment of our lives. As we mark the change of seasons, you are invited to add your presence, your voice, and your story.

July Family Camp -Sunday, July 15th - Friday, July 20th @ Pilgrim Point Camp

This Conference Camp invites families from across Minnesota to join together for a week digging into our theme "Sowing Beauty, Sowing Life". This camp is designed for inter-generational campers, nurturing faith formation for all ages.

Youth Camp (6th - 12th grade) – Sunday, July 29th - Friday August 3rd @ Pilgrim Point Camp

A perennial favorite for campers 6th-12th grade to gather to explore faith, make new friends, and have fun! Our "Sowing Beauty, Sowing Life" theme will invite us to dig more deeply into the meaning of gratitude and how it shapes our lives. Youth (or church) leaders make this camp possible, look for leader training in the spring!

August Family Camp – Sunday, August 5th-August 10th

This camp, sponsored by St. Anthony Park UCC invites families to join together for a week digging into our theme "Sowing Beauty, Sowing Life." Richard Colligan will be providing his musical ministry and our Summer Communities of Service interns will be leading activities and art. This camp is designed for inter-generational campers, nurturing faith formation for all ages.

Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter, Everyone! For the second time in three years, Easter came early in 2018. One of the nice things about this is that we'll get to spend some time with Easter before the string of other important Spring holidays and celebrations begins. On the 8th and 15th, we'll come together to hear and explore some of scripture's post-resurrection stories. We will be reminded of what it means that Easter happened, rather than rushing past what is perhaps the most important story in our scripture. The forces of death and violence do not get the last word and Jesus, our friend and leader, is still with us. The wonder of the empty tomb can shine in your life all year long. Please come and join us as we sit with Easter for a while and let it soak into our lives.

Earth day falls on a Sunday this year, April 22nd. So we will have the chance to come together for a different sort of holiday, but one that I still feel is holy. We will recognize the importance of God's gift to us in creation, and the seriousness of our charge to be good stewards. After the service on the 22nd, our 2018 class of Confirmands will be reading their statements of faith. Writing these statements is the final piece of our church's confirmation curriculum and in many ways is what two years of classes, sermon notes, outings, and questions have been leading up to. It's a powerful thing to read them aloud, and not always easy. So let's support them and make sure these youth know that we're here for them.

And that means that the following week, April 29th, will be Confirmation Sunday. We moved it up one week from the usual first-Sunday-in-May because Pam's granddaughter is being confirmed on May 6th at her church. After all Pam has done with these Confirmands the last two years, it wouldn't be right to make her choose between attending their confirmation or her granddaughter's. Confirmation is one of the most exciting services of our church year, so come out and celebrate with us as five of our own confirm their baptisms, take upon themselves the costs and joys of discipleship, and take the lead of their own spiritual journeys. To the Christian Ed team, thank you for all of the love and guidance that you have shown these youth all these years. **To Devin, Bailey, Jacob, Dawn, and Nathan, Congratulations.** Thank you for all that you add to our church life and we hope we will continue to see you at First Congregational UCC as you continue your journey. Confirmation is also often a day when we have many visitors at FCUCC. Let's make sure that we show them good hospitality and share the spirit of joy and celebration with them as they join us for a special day.

Pastor's Email Address Change:

The email address that I've been using for church matters is managed by Andover-Newton Theological School, one of the seminaries I attended. This Summer, Andover-Newton is moving to a new home at Yale Divinity School, and so will no longer be operating their own email services. As a result, my email address MFRTZ@ANTS.EDU will no longer work after May 28. **Please update your records and begin using the email address MFRTZ@ILIFF.EDU to reach me by email.** I want to make sure I receive your messages.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Michael

Meet the 2018 Confirmation Class



Nathan Warner is completing the 9th grade. His favorite things this year was playing football, golf, and participating in Knowledge bowl. This summer he plans on working on several farms, picking rocks and baling hay. He wants to remain active in church and is looking forward to joining a senior youth group.



Devin Forcier is completing the 9th grade this year. He loves hunting and fishing. He loves anything that has to do with the outdoors, nature and animals. Devin is looking forward to making many new great memories while working within the church as a confirmed member.



Dawn Shemanek is the granddaughter of Bridget and Carmen Keinenberger. Her favorite things to do is art and crafts. She really enjoys being in band and enjoyed the band trip. She loves singing wherever she is. She has enjoyed helping out on church bazaar day, working with the adults where ever she was needed. She is looking forward to continuing this tradition as a confirmed member.



Bailey Mueller is looking forward to attending her first Mission Trip with us this summer to Benton Harbor, MI. She has remained active with the confirmation group, showing her excitement for Christ in all of the readings she has participated in. She really enjoys music and has been a very active member in a band organization that meets every week outside of school activities.



Jacob Paul may at times appear rather quiet, but don't let him fool you. When his eyes start to sparkle, he is up to something. He is not afraid to get his hands dirty and is very much a team player. He had a great time during last years Mission Trip and is looking forward to experiences we will get when we go to Benton Harbor, MI.

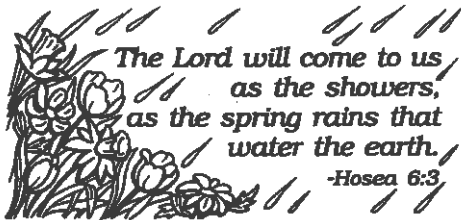
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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



How Is Your JOY Lately?

JOY reminds Christians of who they are to serve: JESUS, OTHERS, YOURSELF. There is a fantastic opportunity to serve Jesus and Others coming up right here at home on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 4:30-8:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church**. The monthly Abundant Table meal will be served by volunteers from our church and from Christ Lutheran. We are awaiting approval for a Thrivent grant to provide seed money for the project. **We need about eight volunteers to help serve and 10 desserts to serve.** You are welcome to do either or both. **Please call Jan Mackenthun to volunteer at 320-864-3838, leave a message if needed.**

Abundant Table Community Meal

The Abundant Table Community Meal is **FREE** and open to everyone-families and children, elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand.

When: April 4th (the first Wednesday of every Month)


Where: Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall, 1820 Knight Avenue, Glencoe

Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM for Fellowship; Meal served at 5:00 PM.

Notification: Let us know to prepare for you by calling Christ Lutheran at 320-864-4549.

Remember there is a place for YOU at our Abundant Table.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:00 am Communion Easter Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast 9:15 am Communion Easter Worship Service No Sunday School	2	3 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Christian Ed Board Meeting	4 10:15 am Communion at GRHS Long Term Care 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting	5 8:00 pm A.A.	6	7
8 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School w/Roxy & Renee Acolytes: Annika/Caleb Richardson 1:00pm Pastor @ LTC	9	10 10:00 am Bible Study	11 Noon - Trustee's Meeting @ Unhinged Pizza 5:00 pm WF Exe Brd Mtg 6:00 pm All-Women Spring Meeting w/Pot-Luck 6:30 pm Confirmation	12 8:00 pm A.A.	13	14
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