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# The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

## “What’s In a Name?”

Pastor Craig Wagner

“...did you realize that Easter is a season and not just a Sunday?”

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Easter Sunday but did you realize that Easter is a season and not just a Sunday? Actually, Easter begins with the Easter vigil services on Saturday night and continues until the eve of Pentecost, fifty days later. These fifty days are called the Holy Fifty Days, or the Great Fifty Days.

The day of Easter is normally set by the vernal equinox (the day when spring begins). It is the first Sunday after the first full moon falling on or after March 21<sup>st</sup>.

However, whenever it falls it is the oldest festival of the church year. The period of fifty days after Easter is older than either Lent or Advent. In

fact, for many years the fifty day period was considered of greater significance than Lent.

Lately, the church has given much more prominence to the season of Lent with its emphasis upon introspection, contemplation and sin than upon the redemption and new life that is ours in Christ. Someone suggested that “the church should come out of this medieval bondage to Lent and return to the promised land of Easter triumph.”

The entire season from Easter to Pentecost was once observed as one continuous festival. In the fourth century, the season was separated into the Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost.

Although most of us refer to this wonderful day as Easter, many people do not know the origin of the name Easter. Actually, the early church called Easter *Pascha* derived from the Hebrew word for Passover. The name Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess, Eostre, whose festival coincided with the spring equinox.

Perhaps a better name for Easter is *The Festival of the Resurrection* for on that day and for the season we celebrate with great emphasis Jesus’ resurrection and the new life and hope it brings to his people.

(Information on Easter from the books, *Seasons & Symbols* and *Keeping Time*.)



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## Lenten & Holy Week Schedule

**Remaining Lenten Wednesdays, April 6 & April 13:** 6:30 PM, Soup Supper / 7:30 PM, Worship

April 6: "De-accumulation" - 1 Timothy 6:6-10

April 13: "A Day Without Gossip" - Romans 14:10-13

**Palm Sunday, April 17:** 8:30 and 10:30 AM, Procession of Palms

**Maunder Thursday, April 21:** 7:30 PM, Living Last Supper

**Good Friday, April 22:** 7:30 PM, Tenebrae Service

**Easter Sunday, April 24:** 8:30 and 10:30 AM

## Festival of the Resurrection



### The Living Last Supper

Players are still needed to participate in The Living Last Supper at the Maunday Thursday worship service. Be a part of this Christ Lutheran Church tradition. Adults and teens are needed for speaking and non-speaking parts. Only 2-3 rehearsals are held. Sign-up in the narthex or by calling the church office.

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## Worship & Music News Yeeseon Kwon & Paula Spengler

Calling Singers and Musicians! **Lenten and Easter plans are underway!** We invite anyone interested in singing in the Choir or ringing bells in the Hand Bell Choir this Easter Season to join us. This is a great opportunity for anyone to try out an ensemble for a short time. All ages are welcome!

If you play a musical in-

strument and want to participate in the worship and music offerings at CLC contact Yeeseon Kwon.

### 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE USHERS NEEDED

The list of volunteers is growing but more are needed. The task is easy and you have an opportunity to offer

hospitality. The Sign-up Sheet is located at the Information Desk in the narthex.

Questions? Please contact Paula Spengler or the church office.

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## Easter Lilies



### Lilies represent RESURRECTION!

Your purchase of an Easter Lily will help beautify the sanctuary for Easter. Cost is \$15.00 each. Mark "Lily" on the memo line of

your check and use a pew envelope if possible.

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## Lutheran World Relief News

Paula Spengler

JAPAN QUAKE/  
TSUMANI RELIEF can be made directly through Lutheran World Relief (go to their web site: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)) or through Christ Lutheran Church (mark your checks "Japan").

LWR also continues to offer Haiti earthquake relief and at the same time planning for long-term programs that will strengthen communities well into the future.

Where did LWR Quilts (the CLC Mission Quilters help make these) and Kits go in 2010? They went to 24 countries. Look for the maps at their web site. The totals: 319,610 quilts, 174,975 health kits (CLC youth helped to collect and assem-

ble), 213,350 school kits, 24,375 sewing kits, 85,100 layettes and 38,570 pounds of soap, plus \$11.8 million to 838,302 people.

CLC Mission Quilters and anyone interested will be attending the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of LWR luncheon on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Noon, at Manzo's Banquets, 1571 S Elmhurst Rd, Des Plaines. Cost is \$18.00 for a hot four-course luncheon. The Rev John Nunes, President and CEO of LWR will be the guest speaker. Reservations may be made by contacting Paula Spengler, Lois Frey, or the church office.

A BREAD FOR THE WORLD letter writing campaign will be held

on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> (Mothers' Day), before and after worship services. A sample letter to send to your representative and senator will be available. Write a letter and turn 3 minutes of your time into lasting change for hungry people.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice seeking changes in U.S. foreign assistance to give a stronger focus on reducing poverty; clearer accountability for how U.S. aid dollars are spent and their results; and U.S. aid that meets the needs and wants of local people in developing countries. Checkout their web site at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

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## Youth Groups

Brad Althouse

The CLC Youth have had an exciting new year! In February we attended a concert featuring Mercy Me and Jars of Clay at the Sears Centre. We recently went "Cosmic" bowling at Brunswick Zone. Coming up this month is a Youth Movie Night on April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3-

5:30pm Join us for some popcorn and a movie, as well as some Wii games on the big screen!

Please make note of a scheduling change: Sr High youth will meet at their separate time on the first Sunday of every month, from 3-4:30pm,

followed by Jr High from 4-5:30pm. All other Sunday's, youth will meet as a combined group from 4-5:30pm. Hope to see you there!

## Spirited Women

An important part of our Spirited Women's' ministry at CLC is prayer. Every Monday evening, we pray for the needs of each other, as well as the many other requests we receive. We would like to pray for you too. If you have any special prayer needs, please jot them down and place them in the basket in the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop. This can be completely anonymous if you wish and will not be published. One of the important parts of our Mission Statement is that what is discussed in our meetings is not to be discussed outside the meetings.

Also there are many good books in the coffee shop library. If you wish to check any out, please see one of the hostesses.

We are always collecting books for the LSSI Storybook Project. Please bring a NEW book for ages 1-12 and drop it in the basket in Holy Grounds.

Reminder: Your coffee is FREE if you bring in an item for the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

A WOMEN'S RETREAT is scheduled for June. Details will be available soon. Stay tuned!

## Praise Rocks

Save the Date!  
**Praise-Rocks @ CLC** will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

This two-week rockin' music camp will run from 9AM-Noon, Monday through Friday. There will be a final concert on Friday evening July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM.

Praise Rocks is open to students in grades 6-12. More details and registration information will be available in the coming months. Mark your calendars now and bring a friend to Praise-Rocks @ CLC this summer!



## This and That...

### Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 19th, 7:00pm, in the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop. *The Known World* By Edward P. Jones is this month's book. The book is available at the Information Desk in the narthex at church. Call Susan Vevang or the church office for information or a ride.

### Pianos for Sale

We are selling the black upright piano and bench in the fellowship hall for \$400 and the grand piano in the Chapel for \$600. Removal and transport of the pianos will be the buyer's responsibility. Please share this information with friends and family. If you are interested in purchasing either of these pianos, contact Yeeseon Kwon or the church office.

### Thank You!

Thank you for all your prayers, support, and encouragement shown to our family on the recent death of our mother, Virginia Wagner. You have exhibited the love of Christ to us in so many ways words can not express our gratitude. Also, thank you to all who have given memorials in her memory. Your generosity is overwhelming. In Christ,

*Pastor Craig & Lorna, Kurt & Bruni Wagner*

