

# THE CLARION

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

## Mission Statement

*Christ Lutheran Church exists to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with members, community and the world."*



## UPCOMING Events

- 3/9—Braille Team #2 @ 6:00 p.m.
- 3/14—Board of Elders Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 3/21 —Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 3/23—Braille Team #2 @ 6:00 p.m.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Adult Study Group @ 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
(Evening Adult Study Group will be held AFTER  
midweek Lent services)

Catechesis Class @ 5:10 p.m.  
Youth Bible Class @ 5:30 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18 & 25  
Choir Practice @ 10:30 a.m.



Lenten midweek services will be every  
Wednesday through Lent at 6:30pm.  
(February 22nd through March 29th)



## Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Daniel A. Hinton

*Repentance is a way of life, not a point in time.* That's something worth meditating on throughout these forty days of Lent. In the Catechism we are reminded that *we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.* This saying reminds us that, due to the sins of our old Adam, we must continually repent of our sins and constantly believe the Gospel of forgiveness.

That being said, the confession of our sins and the absolution we receive should not be a revolving door. We should not speed past consideration of the fact that our sins are contrary to God's holy nature and truly deserve His wrath. Our sins matter. They mattered so much that Jesus took on flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus took on flesh to save our flesh. Jesus took on flesh to redeem us.

We should not take our sins lightly, reasoning either that, when we sin it is not really a big deal because absolution is always available to us, or, in the second place, that Jesus has already died for all of our sins – so what is the big deal? We sin. We receive forgiveness. This kind of thinking minimizes the horror of all of our sins and fails to treasure the Gospel. Our sins offend God. They earn us death and Hell. And the only way for us to be right with God again, after making ourselves His enemies, is that Jesus' death atoned for your sins. We should never rush past that fact or fail to meditate upon His sacrifice. Your forgiveness may be free to you, but it came at a great price. Indeed,

Jesus paid this great price without complaint. It was the Father's will that Jesus suffer and die for you. It is the Father's will that you trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. Those who believe that they are forgiven treasure the *means* by which the forgiveness of Jesus is delivered to them. Those who rejoice in forgiveness and the mercy of God also strive to lead holy, pure lives free from sin.

Those who treasure the Gospel will naturally treasure Holy Baptism. By means of the washing with water and the word, we are delivered from the darkness of the world, unbelief, and the rule of the devil. Before and apart from the Word of God and baptism we were children of the devil. But by means of the work of the Holy Spirit, Who works in baptism and is given in baptism, we are adopted as sons of the Most High God, the Father, are adopted as sons, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit! We are transformed into the Holy ones of God. We are made anew. We are new creatures in Christ. As new creatures, we no longer see the world as we once did. We no longer see ourselves as we once did. The baptized love their Heavenly Father and desire to live lives which please Him. So, we the baptized rejoice in the Law of God which directs us in His ways. The Law is not a burden to us. In Christ, the Law of God is our delight.

Those who treasure the Gospel treasure the Word of God. We long to hear that God has forgiven us for His Son's sake. We do not see the services of the church as something that takes us away from the important things of the world like doing the laundry, homework, mowing the yard, shopping, or cleaning the house. We gladly set aside worldly things that we may attend to God's Word when it is preached and taught. His word cleanses us and strengthens us. In Christ we learn that God's Word is our highest need and greatest treasure.

When Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary, Mary sat at Jesus' feet to hear and to learn. Martha, working hard in the house to attend to the many preparations, was upset that Mary left her alone to do all the work. So, Martha complained to Jesus! "Jesus! Don't You care that Mary left me alone to do all the work? Tell Mary to stop listening to You teach and to help me NOW!!!"

Jesus corrected Martha. Mary was faced with choosing between listening to God's Word and busy work around the house. Mary chose to hear the Word of God. That was better. Jesus said: *But one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her* (St. Luke 10:42).

Those who treasure the Gospel treasure Confession and Absolution. They long to hear the word of absolution spoken into their ears. "You are forgiven! Come soon to receive Christ's True Body and True Blood."

Those who treasure the Gospel treasure the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Jesus commands us to eat and drink, not to ignore and omit this holy meal. We need strength to live holy lives in this sinful world. The Lord's Supper provides this strength. Surrounded by the work of the devil and his demons and their unholy acts, we need to be supported in our Christian lives and to be empowered to be about the holy work of God. Holy angels attend us; they are with us. They are God's servants to minister to us. With God in us we lack nothing. He has made us holy. He will bring us into His eternal kingdom on the Last Day.

When we consider God's gifts to us in the Gospel, we cannot help but marvel at His superabounding grace and mercy. Those who love God and treasure the work of His Son to atone for our sins, love the means by which God gives us eternal life and by which He will finally deliver us into eternal life.

In Christ,  
Pastor Hinton



# Council Notes

By: **John Keinath, President**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In February, a historical moment for Christ Lutheran occurred when your Church Council & Board of Elders held a joint meeting. This was the first of its kind in recorded minutes of the church. The sole purpose of this joint meeting was for the collective leadership to discuss the future needs and outlook of the church, and how these needs will be met. This included deliberating the role of the current building, the land available, the goals and focus of the church, and what has been presented to the congregation this past year. This was a productive dialog which allowed both groups to hear the thoughts and opinions from the spiritual care and operational sides, as well as possible concerns for the leadership to consider. Based on the conversation of the group, the leadership came to a consensus to investigate what a land swap (if possible) would entail. A future joint Council/Board of Elders meeting will be called when more information is available for consideration.

Your Servant in Christ,

John Keinath



“Spring Forward”

Don't be late for church!

## A GUIDE TO PUTTING YOUR CLOCKS BACK



**SMARTPHONE**  
Leave it alone,  
it does its magic



**SUNDIAL**  
Move one house  
to the left



**OVEN**  
You'll need a  
Masters in  
Electronic  
Engineering  
or a hammer



**CAR RADIO**  
Not worth it,  
wait six months



In Person Office Hours

Starting Tuesday, February 7th

9am - 4pm

Tuesday - Friday

Lunch Break: 12pm - 1pm

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# The Bulletin Board



God's blessings to Britannia Foster who turned one on February 20th. Thank you all who helped her celebrate this milestone.



The Church Council is looking for a new Kitchen Host/Hostess to manage the kitchen supplies and coordinate kitchen setup for Sunday Mornings and special events. If you are looking for a way to get involved and participate in church, this small step would be a good starting point. No previous experience needed. Instruction Guides and training are available. If you feel that you are being called to serve in this capacity, or if you have questions about this volunteer position, please contact John Keinath.

Easter Sunday is April 9th.

It's not too early to start thinking about our annual Easter Breakfast Brunch/Potluck. Sign Up poster for breakfast casseroles, milk, juice, fruit, muffins, and bread is available in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be provided to the congregation throughout March and April as the plans progress. Keep a look out for announcements and updates published through emails or in the weekly bulletin. For any questions about Easter Breakfast, or if anyone is willing to volunteer to coordinate, please contact John Keinath.



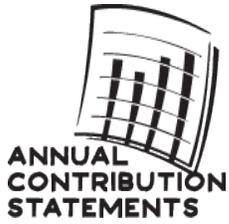
## ELECTRICITY PROVIDER SEMINAR



Electric competition is coming to the Hub City in 2023. Once retail electric competition launches this fall, LP&L will no longer be an electricity provider in the Lubbock market. Customers will begin shopping for electric providers this summer. Sometime in the fall, all customers who have not chosen an electric provider will be assigned to one.

Church members interested in learning what this means and how to select a provider are invited to a presentation and Q&A by Tom Zachman on **Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30pm.** in the church fellowship hall. Tom has experience in the power business as well as the retail electric market.

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## 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

All remaining giving statements have been mailed. If you did not receive yours or you have questions please contact Tom Zachman or Bradley Barrette.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flower sign-up for 2023 is now posted. Flowers are \$20. Donations for flowers can be placed in the offering plate with your name and a note/memo stating “Flowers”.

## Easter Lilies



On Easter Sunday, April 9th, our altar will be decorated with Easter Lilies. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of, or in remembrance of someone special, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex with your name and the name of your loved one(s). Lilies are \$12. **\*please note we only have 24 lilies available this year\*** Please make your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church, note on your check “Easter Lily” and place it on the secretary’s desk in the church office. You may take your lily home following the 10:15am service on Easter Sunday.



## Braille Ministry



## Braille Team

The Braille Teams will be meeting on the following dates this month:

### Team #2

Thursday, March 9 @ 6:00pm

Thursday, March 23 @ 6:00pm

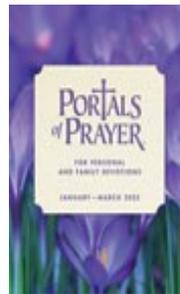
## Choir Practice



## Church Choir

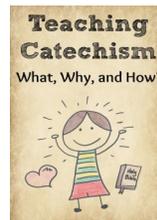
Choir practice takes place every Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30am. Please get in touch with our choir director, Farrah Freeman at (432)816-1060 if you are interested in singing with our choir this season.

## Portals of Prayer



Portals of Prayer for January—March are now available in the Fellowship Hall. Please take as many as you need for your use and to share with friends who might wish to use them for daily devotions. We are now receiving more of the medium-print booklets for easier reading.

## Christian Education Wednesday



\* Adult Study Group will take place at 11:00am & 6:30pm.

We will be reading selected works from early church fathers.

\* Catechism class begins at 5:10pm

\* Youth Bible Class begins at 5:30pm

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## Note from Our Church Historian



Please search for any Church history items (documents or pictures) you might have. Check with members and friends who were formerly members of Christ to see if they have any such items they would be willing to donate.

If you have items that have particular sentimental value to you and you really don't want to part with them, you may scan or photograph them and submit them that way instead of the originals. I'd prefer to have the originals if possible as the older items often don't scan or photograph well.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Joyce Kuhl, Church Historian [JoyceK210@icloud.com](mailto:JoyceK210@icloud.com) or 806-787-1798 cell/text

## Lubbock Concert Band 2022-23 Season

You are invited to come and listen to the upcoming performances by the Lubbock Concert Band.

### Next Concert

Friday, May 5, 2023 @ All Saints Episcopal School (103rd and Indiana)

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Visit [lubbockconcertband.com](http://lubbockconcertband.com), find us on Facebook at Lubbock Concert Band,

or contact John Keinath for more information.

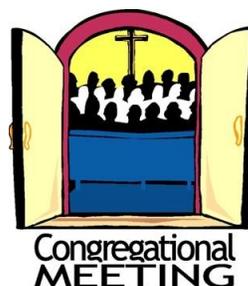


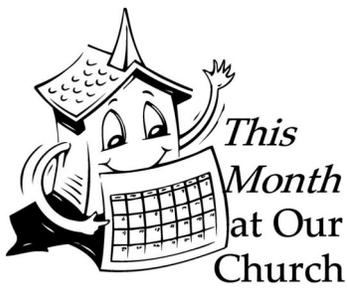
Revisions that have been submitted have been changed and are now up to date in the 2023 Membership Directory. If you got a printed copy when they were first placed on the table, please be sure to pick up a new one.

Let Christina in the office know if we need more printed.

## For your calendars

Our next congregational meeting will be May 21st after divine service. We will be having a pot luck lunch.





# MARCH 2023



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