

# 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

- 2/1—Braille Team #2 @ 6:00 p.m.  
2/8—Braille Team #2 @ 6:00 p.m.  
2/12—Meet Your Elder Luncheon & Congregational Meeting (following Divine Service)  
2/18—Electricity Provider Seminar @ 9:00 a.m.  
2/21—Joint Church Council/Board of Elders Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
2/22—Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 p.m.

### February 1, 8, 15 & 22

Adult Study Group @ 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
(No 6:30 p.m. group on 2/22)

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

### February 4, 11, 18 & 25

Choir Practice @ 10:30 a.m.



- 2/24—Lubbock Concert Band performing at All Saints Episcopal Auditorium @ 7:30 p.m.



## Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Daniel A. Hinton

The season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (that's on February 22nd this year), has for centuries been a season of emphasis on fasting, penitence, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. The definition of the fast has changed over the years. There was a time not so long ago—and there still is in some parts of Christendom—in which the fast involved a putting aside of all meat, dairy products, and eggs. It was out of this tradition that the Easter egg arose, for the coloring of eggs was a celebration of the ending of the fast. While we are free in Christ, fasting is indeed fine outward training.

The custom of fasting is quite biblical. If Moses, Elijah, and Jesus himself fasted, certainly it must be a good practice. Indeed, on Ash Wednesday we hear Jesus saying, *When you fast, be not as the hypocrites, etc.* So Luther's Small Catechism declares, "Fasting and other bodily preparation is indeed fine outward training." Therefore we conclude that fasting is a good thing, though the particulars or degree of the fast is a matter left to Christian liberty.

The purpose of the fast is disciplinary; as the Apostle says in the Epistle for Septuagesima Sunday (which serves as a preparatory explanation, two and a half weeks prior to Lent): "*I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (1 Co. 9:27).*"

The fast is the opposite of self-indulgence or self-gratification. The heaping up of pleasures

is a dangerous thing for the Christian, and self-indulgence is certainly not desired behavior; therefore the fast is a means of training the body to be content with less than it desires.

The span of the fast is forty days, like the forty days in which Jesus fasted in the wilderness. By Jesus' forty-day fast the word of Sacred Scriptures was fulfilled, saying that Moses was with the LORD on Mount Sinai forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread nor drink water. So also, to the same Mount Sinai (which is also called Horeb), Elijah came, when he had eaten and drunk, and he went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights. So these two were seen with Jesus on his mountain, the mount of Transfiguration, just before his suffering in Jerusalem. How fitting, then, that for the first Sunday in Lent, the Gospel centers on Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, the first part of his ministry, in deep humiliation.

The Church also observes a liturgical fast during Lent, even as Israel fasted forty years in the wilderness. This is why the color for Lent is the penitential violet. Alleluias are not heard during Lent, and there is less music (fasting of the ears); flowers are absent, and, during the last two weeks of Lent, statues, images, and crosses in the churches are veiled (fasting of the eyes). No weddings are traditionally permitted during Lent, as feasting would be in principle contrary to the fast. As the season moves on toward Easter, the fast becomes deeper in stages. The traditional season of pre-Lent merely hints at the fast to come; then Lent itself begins; then come the last two weeks of Lent, called Passiontide, during which no *Glorias* are sung at all (canticles and psalms are sung without them); and within that span comes Holy Week, and finally within Holy Week the *Triduum Sacram*, that is, the Sacred Three Days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Yet in the midst of our fast we still have joy, which is always right for Christians. Thus even the fourth Sunday in Lent—in the midst of Lent—is called *Laetare*, which means “rejoice.” For we always expect and know the joys of Easter and eternal feasting in the life of the world to come.



Ash Wednesday is February 22, and we will have a divine service with the imposition of ashes and the Holy Communion at 6:30 that evening.

Lenten midweek services will be every Wednesday through Lent at 6:30pm.



In Person Office Hours  
Starting Tuesday, February 7th  
9am - 4pm  
Tuesday - Friday  
Lunch Break: 12pm - 1pm  
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# Council Notes

By: John Keinath, President  
Christ Lutheran Church

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am excited to announce that our Church Secretary, Christina Zachman, will be returning to her duties the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition, she will be maintaining a regular church office schedule going forward.

I am also looking forward to not only the Meet your Elder luncheon, but also a joint Church Council and Board of Elders meeting later this month. To my knowledge, a joint meeting has never occurred before. We will be discussing options and ideas for the church to possibly act on going forward.

As stewards of the congregation, the council is reviewing current cleaning and lawn maintenance contracts to ensure the needs of the congregation are still being met at a reasonable rate. It has also been reported by the Treasurer that our offerings received exceeded our expenses for year 2022. Praise God for the benefits He gives to us, His church!

It has been reported by the Board of Elders that an updated Wedding Policy is completed, and that the Funeral Policy will be reviewed next. Use of attendance cards will be monitored throughout the next quarter to evaluate effectiveness. Lastly, our current membership roll will be reviewed and updated.

## ELDERS FOR 2023

### Head Elder

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# "MEET YOUR ELDER" LUNCHEON Sunday February 12

Pulled Pork entrée will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Free Will Offering to help offset the cost of the entrée.

Excess proceeds will be donated to the church.



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Shane Gentry and Cassie Thompson became the parents of a baby boy, Michael Lane, on October 5, 2022. Lane is the great-great-grandson of the late Jeanne Meredith who was a charter member and long-time active member of Christ Lutheran Church. I know she would have been so pleased to get to hold this precious little boy!



Thomas Henry Zachman was born to Jason and Christina Zachman on Christmas Day – what a great special gift from God. Thomas also became a child of God by the rite of Holy Baptism on January 8, 2023.

We welcome both of these babies and will pray for them as they grow in God's grace.

## Deaths IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Two of our members were received into eternal life during January.



After a long battle with the effects of a stroke she had in 2010, Peggy Lou Lorenz received her Crown of Life on January 15, 2023, the day before her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.



At the age of 85, Patricia Anne Bunyard entered the glory of the Lord on January 5, 2023. She succumbed to the pancreatic cancer she had endured for a number of months.

Please ask God for His comfort and peace to all the family and friends of both of these ladies.

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## 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

Any remaining giving statements will be mailed out in February. Questions? Contact Tom Zachman or Bradley Barrette.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flower signup 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".

## ELECTRICITY PROVIDER SEMINAR

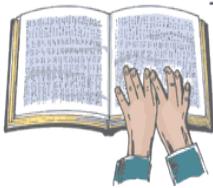


Electric competition is coming to the Hub City in 2023. Once retail electric competition launches this fall, LP&L will no longer be an electricity provider in the Lubbock market. Customers will begin shopping for electric providers this summer. Sometime in the fall, all customers who have not chosen 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 Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tom has experience in the power business as well as the retail electric market.

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## Braille Ministry



## Braille Team

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

### Team #2

Wednesday, February 1 @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 8 @ 6:00pm

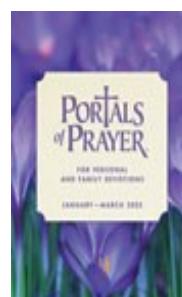
## Choir Practice



## Church Choir

Choir practice takes place every Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30am.

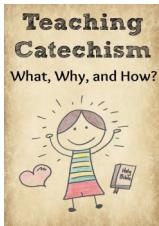
Please get in touch with our choir director, Farrah Freeman at (432)816-1060 if you are interested in singing with our choir this season.



## 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.

### Performance Schedule

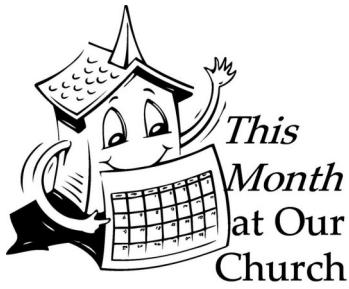
Friday, February 24, 2023 @ All Saints Episcopal School (103rd and Indiana)

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.



## FEBRUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:10pm-Catechesis 5:30pm-Youth Bible Class 6:00pm-Braille Team #2 6:30pm-Adult Study Group	2	3	4 10:30am-Choir Practice
5 9:00am-Sunday School  10:15am-Divine Service w/Holy Communion	6	7 All Day-Pastor @ Winkel	8 5:10pm-Catechesis 5:30pm-Youth Bible Class 6:00pm-Braille Team #2 6:30pm-Adult Study Group	9	10	11 10:30am-Choir Practice
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