

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

May 2010



SUNDAYS IN MAY

- May 2** **Holy Communion**
Congregational Meeting to
elect council members
after each service
- May 9** **Mother's Day**
10:30am- Baptism celebrated!
- May 16** **Holy Communion**
10:30am -Thank you to Sunday
School Teachers.
Sunday School Classes & Catechism
conclude for the summer.
- May 23:** **Pentecost Sunday**
Music Sunday
10:30am -Blessing of Graduates
- May 30** **SUMMER WORSHIP**
SCHEDULE BEGINS

Summer worship schedule times to be announced.

MAY 2- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After each worship service we will have a congregational meeting to elect new Church Council Members. Please talk to Denney Morris, Council President, or Rhonda White, Vice-President, if you wish to be nominated or have received permission from another church member to nominate them.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS- PLEASE NOTE! THE SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP ASSISTANTS IS INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND IN THE ONLINE NEWSLETTER!

We do not mail postcards, so we can save on postage and paper. Please pick up a copy of the newsletter at the church or view the schedule online at www.Christ-in-Heath.org so you know the schedule.

A Few Music Notes!!!

Summer is coming and I am making plans for our summer special music. If you would like to offer special music this summer, we have opportunities you to share your talent. If you would like to be a part of the Praise Team, or Chime Ensemble for the summer please contact me. I will schedule the larger groups first and then have the schedule available on Sunday mornings. Please contact me to schedule the Sunday that you would like to share in special music. (email:

myekisa@roadrunner.com or 522-3739)

Thank You!!!

Marilyn Yekisa, Director of Music

Lenten Thank You!!!

Thank you to all the cantors who chanted the Psalms: Deb Groff, Joni Miller, Carol Hill, Todd Falkenberg, Diane Pyle and Anne & Todd Carmer. Deb Groff, Joni Miller, Todd Falkenberg and Carol Hill also provided solos for special music during Lent. I appreciate all the time they all have put into preparing for these wonderful additions to our worship services.

The Chancel Choir Members and Director, Mary Ann Guilkey put in a lot of extra hours on our Holy Week/Easter Cantata. Thank you to Alice Krauss and Craig Holman for reading the narrations. Also, a big thank you to everyone who attended the Maundy

Thursday, and Good Friday evening services.

God bless you!

Marilyn Yekisa

A RECAP OF OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

During Lent we had many opportunities to grow in faith. There were the Wednesday night Soup Suppers/Worship Services beginning with Ash Wednesday when there was no soup supper. Instead, we were offered the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion. Also on Wednesday mornings a group of folks met for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible study. Then came Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. The service began in the social hall with Pastor Kris reading the Processional Gospel and the Blessing of the Palms followed by the congregation processing into the sanctuary waving palm branches as Deb Groff, at the 8:15 service, and Dick Bailey and Bob Deaver, at the 10:30 service, sang "The King of Glory". The special music at the 8:15 service was "Who Is This King?" sung by Deb Groff. At the 10:30 service the Chancel Choir presented the first part of the cantata The Passion and the Glory. Other parts of this cantata were used during the rest of the Holy Week Services and on Easter Sunday. As has been our custom, the sermon on Palm Sunday was replaced by the reading of the Passion of Our Lord according to Luke's gospel interspersed with songs sung by the congregation. The readers at the 8:15 service were DeDe Dudgeon and Larry Kretzmann, and at the 10:30 service they were Diane Pyle and Craig Holman. The services this year were especially moving and spirit-filled. None of this simply happens. It happened through the prayerful and loving dedication of Pastor Kris, Marilyn Yekisa, Mary Ann Guillkey, our Chancel Choir, many volunteers who shared their special talents from music to cooking, and the beautiful narrations presented by Craig Holman and Alice Krauss during the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. One could not have attended these services and not been moved.

At last came the long awaited Easter Morning in celebration of our Risen Savior. Several people from Christ Lutheran went to the Four Church Farm for the annual Easter Sunrise Service. Then it was on to church for

our 8:15am Easter Worship Service, a wonderful Easter breakfast and finally, the 10:30am Easter Worship Service. Here again the efforts of many loving folks made this a day go give "All Glory, Laud, and Honor to Our Redeemer King". The church was decorated with beautiful flowers; the tables were covered in pastel table coverings with a vase of daffodils adorning each table. Pastor Kris and the children released the "hallelujahs" that had been missing during many weeks of Lent. Craig Holman, Alice Krauss, and the Chancel Choir helped us share the joy the first disciples must have experienced when they learned of Christ's Resurrection, and Pastor Kris reminded us that Easter Day is not the end of the celebration, but the beginning which we as Christians should continue each day.

Praise God for our Christ Lutheran Family and thanks to each of you, whatever your role, for making this a Lenten Season and Easter Celebration that truly brought Honor and Glory to our Lord.

Sally Kennedy

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 6- 12:20-12:40pm in the Heath City Hall City Council Chambers.

All are welcome to gather in prayer for our community and nation. Several area clergy will lead the prayers. Pastor Kris is the National Day of Prayer Coordinator in our Heath community.

ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you know you are going away during the summer, will you please let Sally know the dates you will be gone? That way she won't make any assignments for you during that time. This should alleviate some of the changes we have to make.



WILL YOU HELP?

We need more volunteers for the Nursery and Children's Church.

These are two very important ministries with our families and children. Adult volunteers need to be over 21 years of age. Middle School and High School youth may serve as helpers paired with an Adult Leader. If you are willing to serve in the nursery or with Children's Church, please write your name on the blue sheet to let us know. Volunteers must be over 21 and must be church members.

OUR PRAYERS

During March and April we prayed for physical, spiritual, and emotional healing and comfort for Carole Spearman, Heather Bonner, Eldon Peterson, Carolyn Peterson, Michael Bell, Mary Hickman, Lois Scroggins, Shirley Crane, Betty Meyer, Brooke Byers, Mary Lou Bradley, the Davis Family, Dianne Sullivan & Baby Derek, Fern Briggs, Marilyn Bodle, Ann Williams, Joy Williams, Cathy Mras, Paul Krauss, Rob Calvert, Pam Abraham, Jerry Swank, and others as requested by our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the Family of Ben Davis, Hilda Smith, the Ralph Taylor Family, the Gund Family, the Family of Ahmad & the students and staff in Amman, Jordan, the Family of Frank Amato, the Family of Don Manoylovich, the Family of Betty Hook, and the Family of Helen Anderson. We continued to offer prayers for safety and strength for our service people serving throughout the world, especially, Tyler Krauss and Chris Manning deployed to Afghanistan.

BIRTHS

We rejoice with Mike and Shirley Groseclose at the birth of their new grandson, Zackary James Groseclose and with Glenn and Marlena Foltz at the birth of their new granddaughter, Blayke Elizabeth Foltz. We further rejoice at the birth of Derek Joel Sullivan, son of Jarrod & Dianne and brother to Jenna, Jessica, and Dustin, on April 16. We pray for God's blessings on all these precious babies and their families.

Baptism: Sunday, May 9 at 10:30 am worship, we celebrate the baptism of Emory Whisner, infant daughter of Nate & Lynsey Whisner, and little sister of Chase Whisner.

We rejoice with Emory and her family as she is baptized into Christ.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The following young men and women will be graduating from Heath High School on June 6: Elisa Santiago, Alec Van Dyke, Dustin Weaver, Hannah Weaver, and Megan White. Rebecca Barger will graduate from Capital University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre Studies on May 8. An open house for Becky will be held in the church social hall on Sunday, May 9 from 2-5pm. Congratulations to all these graduates and may God's blessings go with you into the future.

BLESSING OF GRADUATES will be held at the 10:30am service on Sunday, May 23. We will invite the graduates forward to recognize this step in their lives and to ask God's blessings for them. Parents and the graduates will be invited to come forward for the blessing during worship.

An Invitation

The Santiago Family invites the congregation to an Open House in the church social hall on Saturday, May 29 from 3-5pm in celebration of Elisa's graduation from High School.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

THANK YOU TEACHERS!

Sunday School concludes on Sunday, May 16. We will have a recognition and thank you for all Sunday School teachers at the 10:30am service and a reception in the social hall afterward. Teachers please plan to attend so we can thank you in person! Sunday School & Catechism takes a break over the summer months.

Special Thanks to our 2009-2010 Sunday School & Catechism Teachers: Christi Brooks, Jill Mirmohamed, Chris Fisher, Kathy Mehler, Eric Santiago, Mason & Yvette Van Dyke, Dianne Sullivan,

Jud Delancey, Faye Landis, Pastor Kris Santiago, Denney Morris, and Pastor Jim Hughes. You have blessed us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for the Week of June 21st. This is the week we will hold Vacation Bible School. The times are: 6:30-8:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (June 21-24) and 6-8:30pm on Friday, June 25. There are two planning meetings scheduled thus far for May. The first is May 5 at 6:30pm and the second is May 19 at 6:30pm. REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MAY! Ages: Toddlers- 5th graders. Older youth are welcome to help. Please talk to Yvette Van Dyke if you wish to help or if you have any questions. Some donations are needed and will be posted in the entryway. No cost to attend VBS.



**FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP
ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
RESUMES ON THURSDAY EVENING MAY 6
AT 7PM.** The Adult Bible Study will meet every 1 & 3 Thursday of each month through the summer. Always at 7pm. Please sign up in entryway at church so we have a count.



**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN
COLLECTED \$200** throughout the season of Lent TO PURCHASE FOUR "HOPE BASKETS" given by HEIFER INTERNATIONAL. The "Hope Baskets" are donations of rabbits and chickens given to families living in the Third World as a way for them to start a small business and to provide a means of income and a source of food for themselves and the community. Thank you to our generous children and families and to

Kathy Mehler for organizing the Sunday School Gathering and this opportunity to give and help a family in need.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



COMMUNITY DINNER 5-6:30pm every FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH...

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the community dinner held on April 25. Without the help of special volunteers like yourselves, these types of ministries would not be possible. We pray to be of support to the many families who have suffered job losses and hard economic times. Dine-in and Carry-out available. We take meals to a couple of area non-profit agencies and shelters.

The next community dinner will be held on May 23 from 5-6:30pm. The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group is coordinating the meal. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet will be posted.

NURSES WEEK 2010

. Happy Nurses Week to Christ Lutheran Church Parish Nurses: Kay Bailey, Joyce Williams, Karen Schmidt, Linda Edwards, Judy Deaver, Kathy Bigler, Lisa Coulter, Becky Wilson, Ross Shannon and Pam Shannon. We are blessed at Christ Lutheran to have so many nurses as part of our church family. Our Parish Nurses faithfully take blood pressures each month for all who ask. Pharmacist Joni Miller also makes herself available to discuss medications with those who have questions.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EACH OF THESE
FINE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.**



CHURCH GARDEN- GARDENERS NEEDED!

Doug Kruger and other volunteers have begun a beautiful church garden with vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

If you would like to help plant or tend the garden, please contact Doug at 323-4371.

Helpers are needed! As produce is harvested, it will be made available for a free will donation. The free will donations will go to the Food Pantry Network of Licking County and then also to the October CROP WALK to fight hunger.

ALASKAN MISSIONS

Sunday, May 16 we will remember our friends serving aboard the MV Christian boat along the islands and coast of Alaska.

Pastor/Skipper Stan Berntson and Sharon Geldaker, Nurse Advocate are the ministers aboard the MV Christian. We will pray for this ministry and share some information about it. You can find out more at the website lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Please do not bring any more plastic bowls, cups, bags, etc. for the church kitchen. Right now we have all we need. Thank you.

Choral Presentation: The Dance of Life

Honoring those who suffer from cancer.

Featuring: "Where I Live: A Breast Cancer Oratorio" presented by the Columbus Women's Chorus will be presented at the King Ave. United Methodist Church, 299 King Ave. Columbus on Sat. May 8 at 8pm and Sun. May 9 at 3pm. Tickets are \$15.

www.cwchorus.org

This musical presentation includes the Columbus Women's Chorus; Megan Western (dancer), The Columbus Women's Drum Chorus, and the Columbus Threshold Choir.

The oratorio was composed around written reflections shared by women who have faced breast cancer.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES



On May 14 at 7pm there will be a Youth and Family Night at the movies. We will view the movie "**The Blind Side**". For youth and families. Bring a friend. This movie is rated PG-13.

Please note that the next youth meeting for both youth groups will be Sunday, May 16 during the cake reception after the 10:30am service.

SUMMER CHURCHYARD INFO...

PICNIC TABLES ARE NEEDED FOR THE GRACE SERENITY PARK area. Please talk to Kay Bailey if you have one to donate.



YARD WORK INFORMATION & HELP NEEDED For those who volunteer to do church yard work, please note: Tractor mowing, trimming, hand moving, trash pick-up, and limb pick up as needed will be done on Tuesday afternoons with Wednesday as a rain day and Friday afternoons with Saturday as a rain day. If you have any questions, call Dave Colburn 323-3223.

MEMORIAL/HONOR GARDEN BRICKS

Now that the weather is turning warmer, you may want to consider purchasing a brick to be included in the Memorial/Honor Garden. The cost of each brick is \$40.00. If you want a brick for a special occasion, you need to consider the time involved in getting them. It takes approximately eight weeks to get them after the order has been placed. Order forms are available on the table in the hallway under the bulletin boards, and payment must be made when the order is placed. If you have other questions, Kay Bailey or Joyce Williams will answer them.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

-Men's Prayer Breakfast is Sat. May 8 at 8am
-Women's Prayer Breakfast is Sat. May 15 at 8:30am

O.R.F Group meets on Wednesdays- 10am at the McDonalds on Church Street in Newark.

Fellowship Ministry Team will help set up, serve, and clean up for the Thank you Reception for Sunday School Teachers to be held on Sunday, May 16 after 10:30am worship. If you would like to volunteer and

help with Fellowship Ministry Team, please talk with Carol Hughes.



FOUR CHURCH FARM

“4-Church Farm (the Farm): The Farm is a fantastic benefit for the members of the four (4) participating churches; Christ Evangelical, St. John, St. Paul Evangelical and Holy Trinity Lutheran Churches. It provides exceptional opportunities for family reunions, graduation and wedding receptions, birthday parties, anniversaries and just about any other large gathering you may be contemplating. It’s also a wonderful place to just go and be alone with God. To hear the wind blowing through the trees; smell the dogwoods and honey suckle in bloom; watch the deer, rabbits and other wildlife; explore the miracle of God’s creation. The Farm has amenities such as an alter and worship area, shelter house, enclosed fire pit, running water, restrooms, electric outlets, camper hook-ups, a playground, softball, horseshoes, basketball, volleyball, hiking trail. It is a benefit that is offered Free of Charge to all members of the 4 churches. All you have to do is schedule your event with the Secretary at St. John’s Lutheran Church; (740) 323-0141, or call Craig Holman, who will be happy to assist you in making your reservation.

The farm was given to the 4-Member Churches by the late Judge Virginia Weiss, esq., as a memorial to her parents, Samuel W. Weiss and Delia Kreager Weiss. It was Ms. Weiss’ wish that the land be used by people of the congregations “to commune with nature and with God”. The Farm is overseen by a 4-Church Farm Committee (Committee), which is comprised of the Pastor of each Member Church and members from each congregation. Ms. Weiss graciously funded the continued operation of the Farm with an endowment that, through her wishes, was to be wholly invested in Certificates of Deposit (CD’s) at the Park National Bank.

As the economic depression has affected so many individuals, communities and businesses, it has also affected the Farm’s ability to maintain a viable operational budget,

due to the current low interest rates associated with CD’s. Expenses that were easily covered in years past cannot be paid this year. The Committee values the gift of offering the Farm to members of the Congregations on a Free of Charge, 1st come, 1st served basis. In keeping with those values, the Committee has decided to not pay to have the Farm mowed this year, in order to keep expenses within income levels; opting instead to ask for volunteers from each Member Church to mow the lawn. To spread the work among many willing hands, each congregation is to take care of mowing the grass one week of each month. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church will be responsible for mowing it on the 3rd Thursday of each month through October. We are in need of people who will give a couple of hours on one or all of the following dates to mow grass: May 20th, June 17th, July 15th, August 19th, September 16th and October 21st. If you will help out, please contact Craig Holman at (614) 296-8464 so we can begin scheduling our work for the year.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your contribution of \$460.00 to the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund given at one of your Lenten services in which Leslie Van Ostran spoke about the mission work in Haiti and the crucial need for support since the earthquake which devastated the countryside. Without the crucial support of caring Christians like yourselves, schools would close, hungry children would not be fed, orphans could not be saved from an early death, and the aid we are extending to hurting people would have to be withdrawn.

Your support is crucial for the on-going march of the gospel. Thank you again for taking up the cause our Lord Jesus died for and for giving so others may know that the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses from all sin!

In Christian Love,
Gerald Bustin
Evangelical Bible Mission, Inc.

Dear Christ Lutheran Church members:

Please accept this sincere thank you for your generous support of the Food Pantry Network. Your donation of 142 pounds of food is very much appreciated. Your support greatly helps us in our efforts to fulfill our mission of "assuring that no one in Licking County goes hungry."

Sincerely,
Charles S. Moore, Executive Director

"Death is a wilderness where everyone is at a loss for words." Not true in my case, so many people from Christ Lutheran gave devoted attention to me during this perilous time for me. Let me remember Pastor Kris, Gary & Joyce Williams, Carolyn & Dave Colburn. If I forgot someone, please forgive me. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Fran Huffman

Norma and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and cards. Your warm thoughts and love make a trying time easier to manage and the treatment days easier to face. The doctors are confident of a complete cure and return to "Normal" life by the end of the summer.

Thank You All!!!
Jack & Norma Kitzman

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Lyndsay Barnard
May 2 Bob Ewing
May 3 Hannah Weaver
May 4 Nikki Calvert
May 4 Vickie Blubaugh
May 5 Paul Krauss
May 6 Christine Thacker
May 6 John Groff
May 7 Cindy Manning
May 7 Alice Krauss
May 8 Frank Annarino IV
May 9 Alec Van Dyke
May 12 Dick Morris
May 13 Lori Mye
May 14 Bev Wahl
May 14 Ben Gainer IV
May 16 Phil Mitchell
May 18 Linda Mathews
May 18 Kiarah Smith

May 20 Kyla Wilson
May 21 Bill Hardy
May 21 Ann Williams
May 21 Kathy Barger
May 22 DeDe Dudgeon
May 22 Nancy Kraning
May 23 Joe Rosato
May 23 Kayla Geller
May 23 Allyson Quackenbush
May 24 Grant Geller
May 24 Rashawn King
May 24 Todd Falkenberg
May 25 Jim Braskie
May 26 Robin Elliott
May 26 Alanah Smith
May 27 Chad Elliott
May 28 Megan White
May 30 Carol Hughes
May 31 Bill Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

May 15 Larry & Christi Brooks
May 17 Bob & Judy Deaver
May 20 Frank & Yolanda Rosato

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

***May 30 Summer Worship Schedule starts. Times to be announce. Be sure to check website and Sunday announcements, also church phone answering machine will have worship information posted.**

ASSISTING MINISTER

May 2 Diane Pyle
May 16 Judy Deaver

ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Mye, Lisa Coulter, Lori Mye
May 30- Julie Chrislip & Yolanda Rosato

HOST FAMILIES

May 2 8:15am Bob & Barb Moody
10:30am Tom Bunyard & Eric Santiago
(organ side)
Ruth Fies and Jack Guilkey
(pulpit side)
May 16 8:15 am Glenn & Marlena Foltz
10:30am Larry & Denise Ploetz
(organ side)
Mary Redd/Sally Kennedy
(pulpit side)

COUNTERS

May 2 Kretzmann
May 9 Rosato
May 16 Kennedy
May 23 Ploetz
*May 30 Swank

USHERS

	Head Usher: Williams	Morris
	1st	2nd
May 2 Communion	McKitrick	Pyle/Morris
May 9	Foltz	Bunyard
May 16 Communion	Williams	HSYouth/White
May 23	Schulz	Patton
*May 30	Schmidt	Bodle

ACOLYTES

May 2 Hank Fitzgerald//Robert Calvert
May 9 Hailey Quickle /Olivia Mirmohamed

May 16 Dylan Elliott/Chase Whisner
May 23 Crucifer: Payge Penrod
Torchbearers: Trevor Mye
Jacob Santiago
*May 30 Tigan Braskie/Kierra Braskie

GREETERS

May 2 Mason & Yvette Van Dyke
May 9 Larry & Denise Ploetz
May 16 Todd & Susan Falkenberg
May 23 Marilyn Bodle
*May 30 Nancy Kraning

NURSERY-

More volunteers needed!
Write a note on Sunday church blue sheet if you can help
May 2 Kay Bailey
May 9 Todd & Susan Falkenberg
May 16 Anne & Taylor Carmer
May 23 Kim Geller
*May 30 Becky Wilson

LAYREADERS

May 2 8:15am Larry Kretzmann
10 30am Diane Pyle
May 9 8:15am Joni Miller
10:30am Dick Bailey
May 16 8:15am Alice Krauss
10:30am HS Youth
May 23 8:15am Bob Moody
10:30am Craig Holman
*May 30 David Colburn
Judy Deaver

CHILDREN'S CHURCH- *More volunteers needed! Write a note on Sunday church blue sheet if you can help*

May 2 Anne & Taylor Carmer
May 9 Linda Patton/Kaitlyn White
May 16 Puppets, D. Krueger R. White
May 23 Chris Fisher/Austin White
*May 30 Faye Landis/ Jacob Santiago

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 2 are given by Bill & Marilyn Clapp in memory of Bill's mom.

May 9 are given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Larry & Christi Brooks.

May 16 are given in honor of the birthday of Dick Morris.

May 23 are given in honor of the birthdays of Todd & Susan Falkenberg.

May 30 are given in memory of Morgan White and in honor of the birthdays of Megan, Austin and Kaitlyn White.

NURSES

1st Service

8:15 – Joyce Williams & Karen Schmidt
Ross & Pam Shannon

2nd Service

10:30 –Linda Edwards

Blood pressures will be taken May 9, the SECOND SUNDAY of the month, following each worship service.

VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSES WILL TAKE MEMBERS OR VISITOR BLOOD PRESSURES ANYTIME ON REQUEST. PHARMACIST JONI MILLER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHECK MEDICATIONS