

MARCH 2018



John 13

SERVANT LINES

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

EASTER is on APRIL FOOL'S DAY

The last time Easter fell on April Fools' Day was in 1956. (I wasn't even born yet!) Due to the quirks involved in dating Easter against the Gregorian calendar, the two coincide only intermittently. After 2018, the next one is 2029, and then again in 2040—but after that, not again in this century. **While we as Christ followers do not “celebrate” April Fool's Day, this particular April 1st affords us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ....HOWEVER, I don't believe that it's a stretch to say, that Jesus “pulled off” the greatest April Fool's Joke of all-time.** What more could Jesus have done to mock the world that killed Him than rise from the dead?

If you really think about it, the joke was really on Satan (the Devil) wasn't it? He thought that he had won! Christ was beaten, tortured and then crucified and laid in a borrowed man's tomb. **Didn't he (Satan) know what Christ had predicted He would do? Didn't he remember that Christ had promised that He would conquer sin, death and hell (and take the keys away from him)?**

I hope that you will make **plans to join us on RESURRECTION SUNDAY APRIL 1ST** as we **celebrate our Savior's triumphant victory over sin, death and hell.** Invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to join you for **the Lutheran Men's Sponsored OPEN KITCHEN (7:00 AM to 10:30 AM)** and then **enjoy one of our spirited Worship Services at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM with Holy Communion.** What a tremendous opportunity to invite someone to church! Hope to see you all on Easter Sunday---**RESURRECTION SUNDAY---April Fool's Day!**

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SECURITY NOTICE

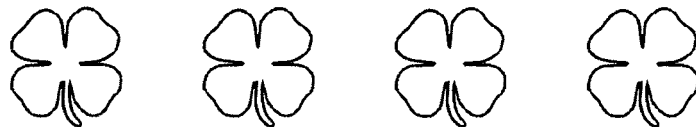
You may have noticed the past few Sunday Mornings that vehicles in our parking lot bear "Security" signs. A Seminar by Horry County Police Department was held at Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium. They invited churches from all over the county to attend. The seminar included guest speakers from Police department and 7 churches. Considering recent events occurring in churches across our country several of our congregation attended. As there are concerns for the personal safety of our church family, a Security Team has been formed at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. As part of the ongoing and evolving security plan these Security Signs have been placed on vehicles on Sunday Morning. Presently volunteers who are part of the CTSLC Security Team are involved with the vehicles and signs.

Gayne Wray, Council President

The church property (Sanctuary Building and Fellowship Hall) are both used by our members and non-members not only on Sunday but during the week as well for meetings and other events. Along with this usage comes the job of making sure our property is secure. Each evening someone needs to do a check to make sure the buildings are locked, all unnecessary lights are out, heating and cooling is set to pre-determined temperatures and the security alarms are set. This should take about twenty minutes per night. We are looking at a schedule of one week at a time. The more volunteers we have the less number of weeks you will be assigned. There will be a meeting to explain the procedure and make assignments. If you are interested and think you can help with this please contact Ron Dusterhoft (843/347 0852) or George Lotterer (843/365 7762) for additional information.

REMINDER: Sunday mornings are very busy times to exit the church parking lot and extreme care must be taken when MAKING A LEFT TURN ONTO HWY 501. If you must, please be aware that there are THREE (3) LANES OF TRAFFIC YOU MUST CROSS OVER BEFORE THE MEDIAN TO TURN LEFT. There have been several cases where this was not done and accidents have happened. The third lane is very difficult to see, so please be very aware. This will be a problem until Hwy 501 is widened. When a right hand turn is made there is still caution to be taken. There will be a sign placed on our driveway to also be a reminder. Thank you and if there are any questions please contact George Lotterer, Ron Dusterhoft or John Garbett.

The Social Ministry team would like to have a **CPR Training**/Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) instruction class. The class will be 3 - 4 hours; the date to be determined. The cost is \$25.00 per person. If you would be interested in attending, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Thank you, thank you to all the members, guests and friends who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by our Youth. The pancakes and sausages were delicious (no cooking and no clean-up for the guests) The Youth Group cleared over \$600.00, thanks in part to Thrivent for supplying them with an action team grant of \$250.00. Great job Youth and adult helpers of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

You Did It! We met Pastor's challenge at the beginning of January 2018 to see how many trips Bob Grecker would make to Associated Charities with winter apparel. Bob made 6 trips last January 2017. This year, 2018 Bob made a total of 9 trips. Congratulations and thanks for your needed donations and a special thanks to Bob for delivery.

From the Pastor's Heart

It's been a tough 4-5 weeks in the Weidman household. Some of you are aware that we have toy poodles as our family pets. As many of you know, your animals become part of your family and when one of them takes ill, it can be a time of emotional upheaval. **About 5 weeks ago, our "Sweet Pea" was developing issues that mirrored cancer and within a short period of time it became evident to us that she was in discomfort and unable to lead a normal life any longer, so we had to "put her to sleep".** AND THEN just this past week, our **"Victoria Grace" (Sweet Pea's Mom)** who had been **diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure earlier this year** and who we have had back and forth to the Vet every 2 weeks since...well, **her kidneys shut down and we had to "put her to sleep" as well.** Two of the sweetest, most loving pets we've been privileged to have are gone from our household....it's awfully quiet around here now.

Right in the middle of our dealing with "our girls" health issues, Elaine was abruptly "let go" from her employment at CCU. To say that she was "blindsided" would be an understatement and to be honest, we were both "in shock" for several weeks. The harsh reality of working in an "at will" state hit us extremely hard, especially because Elaine carries the health insurance for our family. **Although extremely disappointed by these turn of events, we still hold firmly to the belief that God's will is being accomplished even in the midst of these difficult circumstances.** Please pray for us!

Charles continues to do well in school, although he does seem to be trying to process the death of two of his "puppies" in his own 6, almost 7 year old mind. He frequently speaks of Sweet Pea and Victoria and remarks that they are now in heaven together with each other along with Grandpa Charles (Elaine's Dad) and Pop-Pop (my Dad). He has such a tender heart and there were several nights of tears shed and conversations discussing death and our hope in Jesus Christ when we die. **I am reminded again and again of the innocence of a child that Jesus spoke about so often in the Gospels.** Charles' faith and trust and his love for spiritual things are so encouraging to us! Oh, that we would have this same heartfelt attitude of faith and trust manifested in our lives on a daily basis. ***"And a little child shall teach them."*** (Isaiah 11:6c)

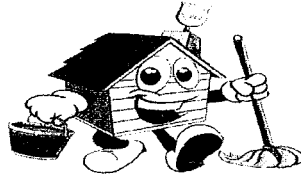
I am excited to report that the date for my graduation from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary with a Certificate in Lutheran Studies is set for May 18, 2018. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

For the privilege that it is to continue to serve as your Pastor, we give God praise and thanks! We love you all! HAPPY EASTER!

OUR ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY 2018

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 WORSHIP	11:00 WORSHIP	TOTAL WORSHIP
Feb. 4	9	100	112	212
Feb. 11	11	97	109	206
Feb. 18	N/A	90	141	231
Feb. 25	15	101	110	211

Ash Wednesday: 103



Although the church property is cleaned weekly and looks great, it still needs a spring cleaning spruce-up! Property Ministry Team sponsors this project yearly just in time for Easter. This year the clean-up will be on Saturday, March 24 (rain date is March 31) starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending around 11:30. Men, women, boys and girls. – we need all the volunteer help we can get. If you would like to help inside the church, please contact Shirley Dresch to see if you need to bring rags, buckets, etc. If you would like to help on the church grounds, please contact Ron Dusterhoft or George Lotterer to see if you need to bring rakes, trash bags, etc. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS FOR ALL WHO WORK!



BILL SIGLER MEMORIAL CAR SHOW MEETING on Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM will meet on Wednesday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM will meet on Thursday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL KIDS: Kids Club will meet on Fridays, March 9 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Please join in the fun while learning the Bible. For more information contact Geoffry Deans at 843/333 6525.

PAIRS & SPARES meets on Tuesday, March 13 for lunch, fellowship at 12:30 p.m.

STITCHIN' SISTERS meets on Thursday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

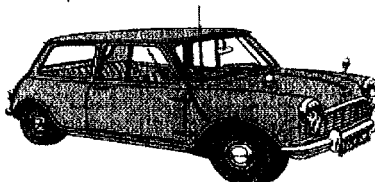
Pastor Rick leads a **BIBLE STUDY** program on Wednesday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. We are discussing Luther's Small Catechism. All are invited.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be on Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 a.m.

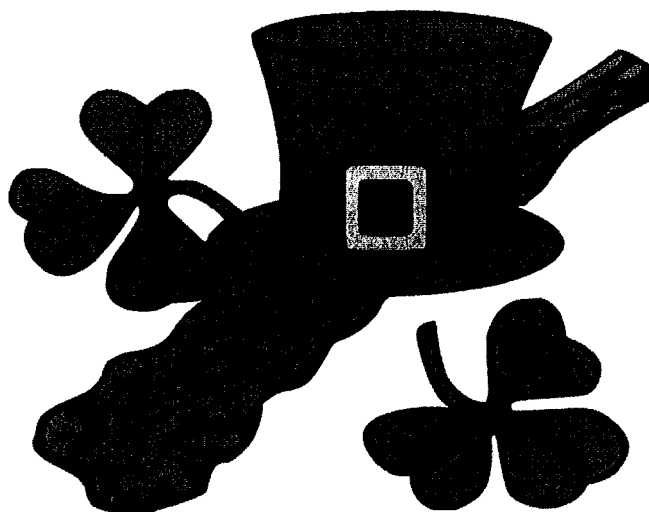
We continue on Wednesdays starting at 5:45 p.m. with **Soup & Sandwich Supper** followed by **Devotions** at 6:30 and **Choir** at 7:00.

Maundy Thursday is March 29. We will have a Holy Communion service at 7:00 p.m..

Good Friday is March 30. Services will be at 7:00 p.m..



Our **CAR SHOW** needs your help. Do you have a favorite restaurant or business you like to support? Would you be willing to ask if they would display one of our show posters on a door or window? Perhaps they'd like to give the church a gift certificate or product for the car show prizes. If you are willing to ask, please take a poster from the Narthex. A sheet explaining how they can help will be attached to the poster. Let me know where you've been so we don't have more than one person asking the same business. Questions or to report businesses visited, call Debbie Sadar, 843-903-5733 or sadarfam@aol.com



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4 John Johnson III
Gail M. Daly
9 Pastor Rick Weidman
10 Mary Frances Sarvis
14 Patricia Goldenne
15 Debbie Goff
21 Celia Murray
22 Chris Terhune
Sammie Johnson
24 Frank Ricupero
27 George Bertolet
Anne E. Kongvold

28 Elaine Weidman
Grant Dittenhafer
31 "Charlie" Blacker
Mary Ferrigno
Irene Greaker

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2 Chuck & Lindy Fischer
14 Nancy & Jerry Herbert
15 Kim & Brian Hitchcock
25 Leroy & Sandra Alford
26 Christopher & Kyungok Lee
28 Ronald & JoAnn Grove



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ON THE FIRST SUNDAY of each month you are invited to bring non-perishable food and monetary offerings for CAP. Please place food in the CAP box and monetary offerings in the jar. Thank you!</p>				1 7:00 Bible Study	2	3 9:30 BSMCS Meeting
4 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Holy Communion	5 1:00 Care & Prayer	6 7:00 Handbells	7 10:30 Social Ministry Noon AA 5:45 Soup & Sandwich 6:30 Devotions 7:00 Choir	8 2:00 Outreach MT 6:00 Audubon Society 7:00 Bible Study	9 6:30 Kids Club	10 9:00 SC Mentor Program
11 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	12	13 12:30 Pairs & Spares 7:00 Handbells	14 Noon AA 5:45 Soup & Sandwich 6:30 Devotions 7:00 Choir	15 10:00 Stitchin' Sisters 7:00 Bible Study	16	17
18 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Holy Communion 5:00 Congregation Council	19 6:30 Commons HOA	20 7:00 Handbells	21 10:30 Pastor's Class Noon AA 5:45 Soup & Sandwich 6:30 Devotions 7:00 Choir	22 7:00 Bible Study	23 6:30 Kids Club	24 8:30 Spring Clean-Up
Palm Sunday 25 8:30 Worship Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	26 11:30 League of Women Voters	27 7:00 Handbells	28 Noon AA 7:00 Choir	Maundy Thursday 29 7:00 Holy Communion Service	Good Friday 30 7:00 Good Friday Service	31 8:30 Spring Clean-Up Rain date 8:30 Men's Breakfast

SERVANTS FOR MARCH

	8:30	11:00
Lay Assistant:	Ken Ballington	Bob Whitlatch
Ushers:	Jim McLachlan Colette McLachlan	Lowell Ray Frank Ricupero
Acolytes:	Jill Cox	Kylie Currie
Greeters:	Darlene Ringler Nellie Cline	John Billey Cathy Billey
Altar Guild:	Jeanne Shafer & Shirley Dresch	

FLOWERS

Mar. 4 C. Hallberg
Mar. 11 Open
Mar. 18 Open
Mar. 25 Open

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute.