Christ Lutheran Church

# April

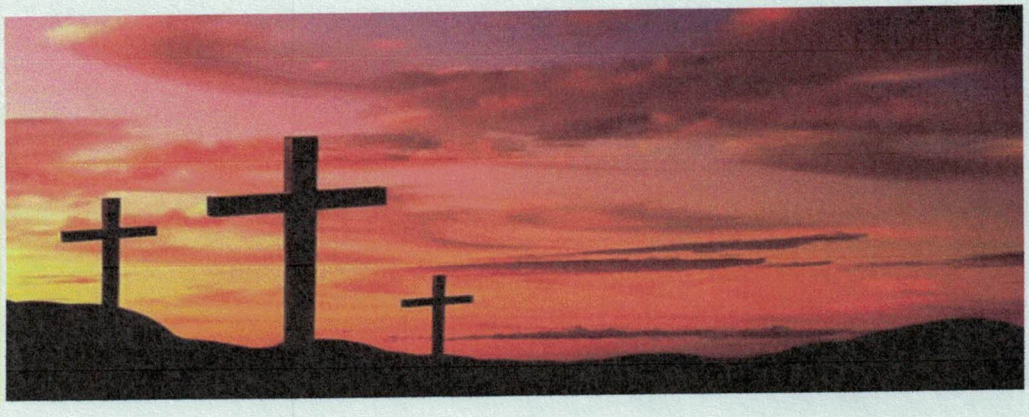
Hello again for the second time. I feel honored and blessed to be your next pastor. Alisa, Liam, and Jane are also excited to be a part of Christ Lutheran. There is a big difference between being the interim and the head pastor. As the interim, my ministry focus was to keep things together. That is still a part of my role, but it is expanded. We will also work together discerning God's will amongst us and where are we being lead. What types of things are we doing or not doing now that influence the future of the church. It's difficult in a newsletter to convey how excited I am to be on this journey with you.

As something begins, another ends. We are now at the end of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare. Why is it necessary to prepare for Easter at all? What would be different to us if we didn't observe these 40 of Lent in some way? Each year when we prepare for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, most of us would rather skip Good Friday. That day can become completely overwhelming unless we've done our "homework" throughout Lent. We come to a greater understanding the depth of love that God has for us.

When we get to Easter we are not celebrating a memorial day of Jesus' death, because death could not hold Jesus. The Church throughout the ages used to be more explicit about Easter being an event that we participate in daily; we need to reclaim that. The resurrection is not something we observe or just believe; it's new life! As we get closer to Easter morning remember that the stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out of the tomb, but so we could look in and know that Jesus Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

April Blessings to you,

*Pastor Chris*



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Called by God to Worship, Learn and Nurture; Sent to Serve and Tell**

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**Jesus is Lord and Savior. We are called to learn and share the Good News. Welcome and serve all people. We are servants of God to others. Holy Spirit, mighty in prayer leads us to answer God's call. Fellowship sustains each other.**

Ahh, the beauty and hope of spring! It is a time when the natural world begins to revive and reinvigorate itself after the cold winter months. We start to venture outside our doors to revive our lawns after the winter storms. We venture to the Greenway or other walking routes to restore long forgotten muscles. The spring bulbs start poking up through the ground with the promise of long awaited flowers. Those darn squirrels are coming out of hibernation to eat the corn I put out for the quail! We watch the new life of baby birds. Things that have been dormant are everywhere you look. I'm a fan of the fact that we have four distinct seasons, finding beauty in each. But Spring is one of my favorite seasons because it means resurrection, rejuvenation, renewing, refreshing, and rebirth. It is also a time of hope and promise.

Typically in February or March, I start wishing I could pick up my house, turn it upside down, shake everything out, and only putting back the things I really want or need. Pastor Chris talked about remaking or remolding ourselves in one of his sermons. We all feel the need to remake ourselves from time to time.

For Christ Lutheran Church, I have seen the evidence of renewal and resurgence. There is a new spring in our step and a new joy in our hearts. Changes are happening inside the building. The fellowship hall and the "youth" room have been rejuvenated. Our times of fellowship have a new ring of laughter and companionship. New ministries have begun in these past few months. Christ Lutheran has done some marvelous deeds.

With Pastor Chris' help, it is time to renew and refresh our work both inside and outside the building, to our neighbors both near and far. It's time to turn ourselves upside down, shake out all the things we don't need, and then remake ourselves into servants of Christ, helping the outcasts not only with a handout but with a hand up. We have begun offering a hand up to the refugees served by the Ysleta Lutheran Mission with our Lenten offering. I look forward to discover other ways that we can accomplish this commission, knowing that with God all things are possible.

And I know that all the people of Christ Lutheran will hear where the Lord is taking us and follow that call. We are Called by God to Worship, Learn and Nurture; Sent to Serve and Tell .

*Dear Father, thank you for Your continual renewal, refreshing, and restoration. I pray that this season will be one of growth in my life. Grow me just as you grow the flowers, vegetables and fruit of this season. In Jesus' Holy name, I pray, Amen.*

*God's Peace*
*Deacon Kathy*

Our Lenten offering will be designated to Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, in particular their Refugee Care Ministry.

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is a faith-based organization that provides relief and human care services while planting and nurturing missions on the U.S./Mexico border specifically in the El Paso/Juarez region. YLM provides aid and ministry services that benefit the lives of thousands of people every year. Their mission statement is "Changing lives every day through simple acts of kindness."

The Refugee Care Ministry partners with other organizations such as the Rescue Mission of El Paso and the Opportunity Center of El Paso. These organizations are working side by side with other El Paso shelters, helping to relocate these refugees within 48-72 hours. Through our prayers and support, YLM can continue to be a source of encouragement and practical acts of kindness to the displaced who are seeking to find a better future in the United States

# In Our Hearts and Minds...

**Continuing Prayer Concerns** *(Please keep these people and their concerns in your prayers)*

Laurie Wilson
Don & Sandy
Jean Kock
Elisabeth Dunbar
Nicole & Max Poole
Jackie Larson
Kodi
Beth Kuhr
Sue Stewart
Linda Uecker
Julie Ann, Rex & Duke
Jim Sebree
Char Caprile
Friends & Family of the Poole Family, Angel's brother, Ed Walther

*(Please help us keep this up to date and let us know when prayers have been answered.)*

**Serving Our Country**

Taylor Bunker - USN
Brian Eling - USA
Chris Wendt - National Guard
David Carlson
Luke Harper
Justin Hughes – USA

**April 2nd:** Lectors: Lori, Jim, & Laura, Readers: Jim, Lori, Sheri, Charlotte, Beth, & Mel
Ushers: JD & Wes

**April 6th:**

**April 7th:** Readers: Lori, Sheri, Charlotte, & Deacon Kathy

**April 9th:** Lectors: Lori, Jim, & Laura Ushers: Wes & JD

**April 16th:** Lector: Richard Roberts

**April 23rd:** Lectors: Lori, Jim, & Laura

**April 30th:**

**Altar Guild:**

**Counters:** Sue Stewart & Jim Sund

Thank you!

# CELEBRATIONS

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 14th | Konner Burgin |
| | Ben Lake |
| 24th | Darold Larson |
| 25th | Evelyn Roberts |
| 26th | Josh Guilland |

12th Dan & Lori Murphy

13th Lloyd & Beth (Kuhr) Crabtreee

## April Scripture Readings:

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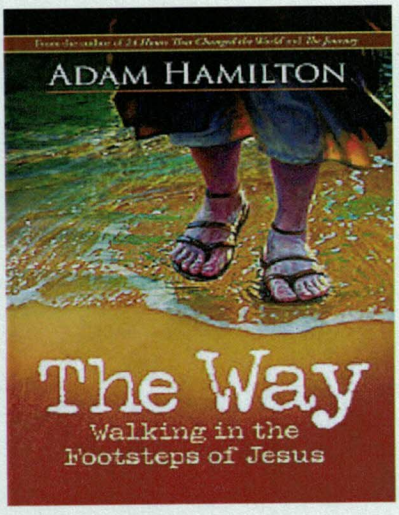
| April 2nd: | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalm 31:9-16 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 |
| April 6th: | Exodus 12:1-14 | Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 | 1Cornithians 11:23-26 | John 13:1-17,31b-35 |
| April 7th: | Isaiah 52:13-53:12 | Psalm 22 | Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 | John 18:1-19:42 |
| April 9th: | Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 | Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 | Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 | Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18 |
| April 16th: | Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | Psalm 16 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31 |
| April 23rd: | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| April 30th: | Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 23 | 1 Peter 2:19-25 | John 10:1-10 |




**April 5th**— Our last Midweek Lenten services at noon. On this Wednesday, we will be reading the last chapter entitled "The Final Week" in "The Way, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" by Rev. Adam Hamilton. In the video we'll visit Jerusalem, where Jesus spent His final days. Please join us for this walk through the Holy Land with Jesus.

**Guy's Night Out**

**April 20th at 6:00**

**Abby's Pizza**

*Gals' Lunch Out*

*April 20th*

*11:45*

*Apple Tree Golf Course*

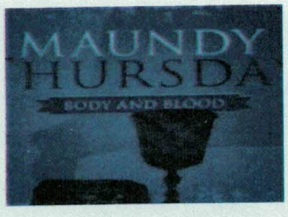
*140 S 72nd Ave.*

Join the Quilters from **10—12 on April 15th**. We have many quilts to tie and lots of fabric just crying out to be used. Join us for laughter and good conversations. The quilts we make a difference for someone who needs to be reminded that they are loved.

# HOLY WEEK services

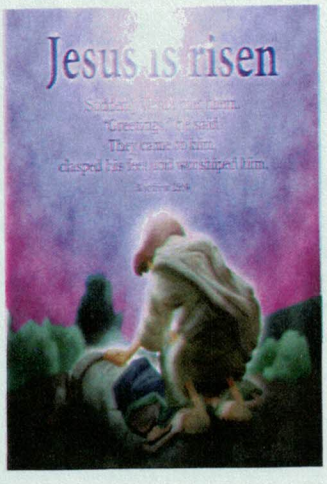
**Palm Sunday, April 2nd– Worship Service with communion beginning at 9:30**

**Wednesday, April 5th– Midweek Lenten Service at Noon**




**Thursday, April 6th– Maundy Thursday Worship Service with communion at 6:00**

**Friday, April 7th– Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at 6:00**




**Sunday, April 8th– EASTER MORNING**
**Breakfast from 8:30–9:15**
**Worship Service with Communion at 9:30**
**Easter Egg Hunt following worship**

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

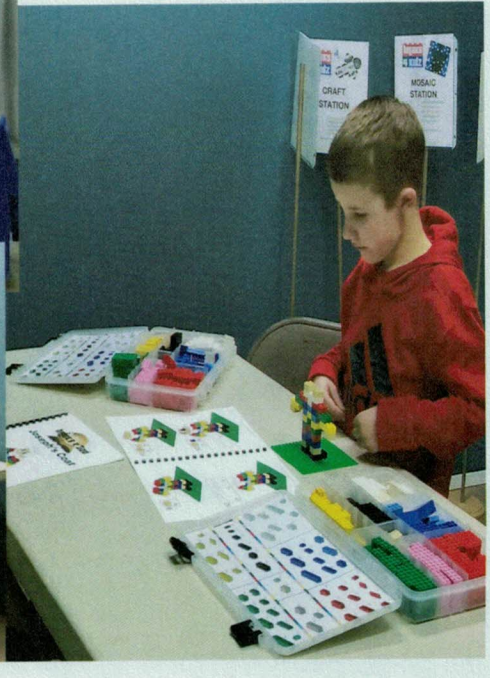
BRICKS4GOD

Our venture into Family Night at Christ Lutheran Church has been a very successful ministry. Through Andy and Cheryl, we are offering a modified version of our Vacation Bible School program. We invite entire families for a meal at 5:30, a Bible story, and craft time using a program through Bricks 4 Kidz. We have had wonderful turnouts each session, seeing familiar faces and welcoming new faces too.

This ministry is held on the second Wednesday of the school months. Our next class is Tuesday, April 11th and we will be focusing on the story of Jacob's Ladder!

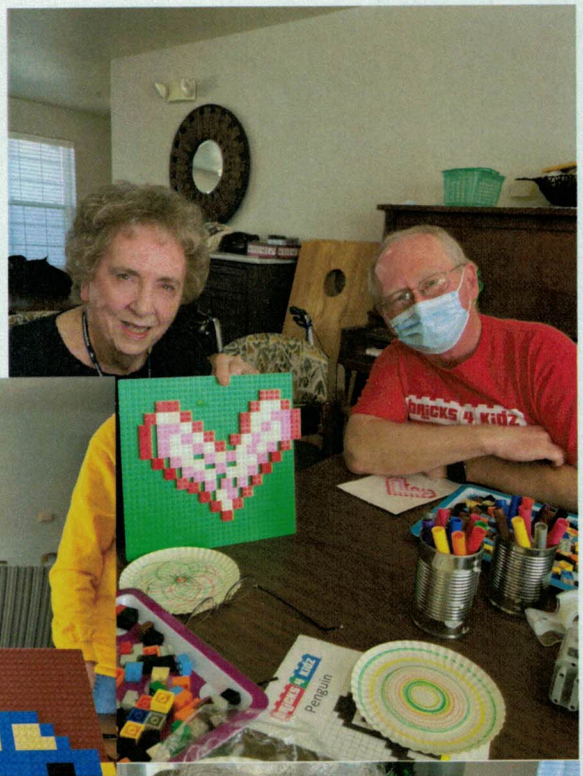
As with VBS, this is a ministry that needs the support of all our congregation. We will need people willing to donate food items, cook and serve the meal, and people willing to help with the event. Please contact Cheryl Sauer if you would like to help in any way.

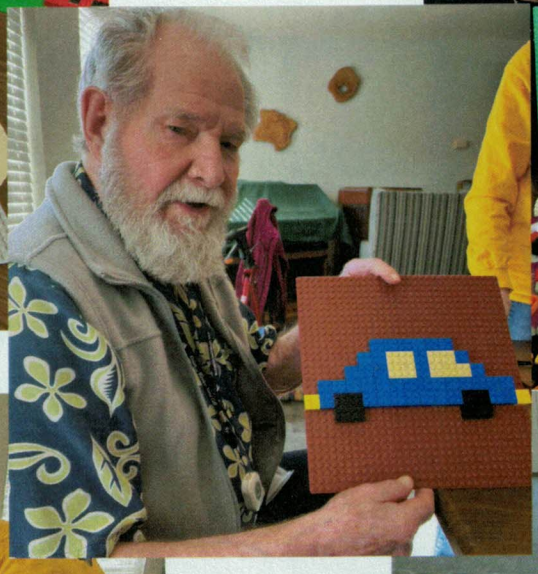
Thank you.

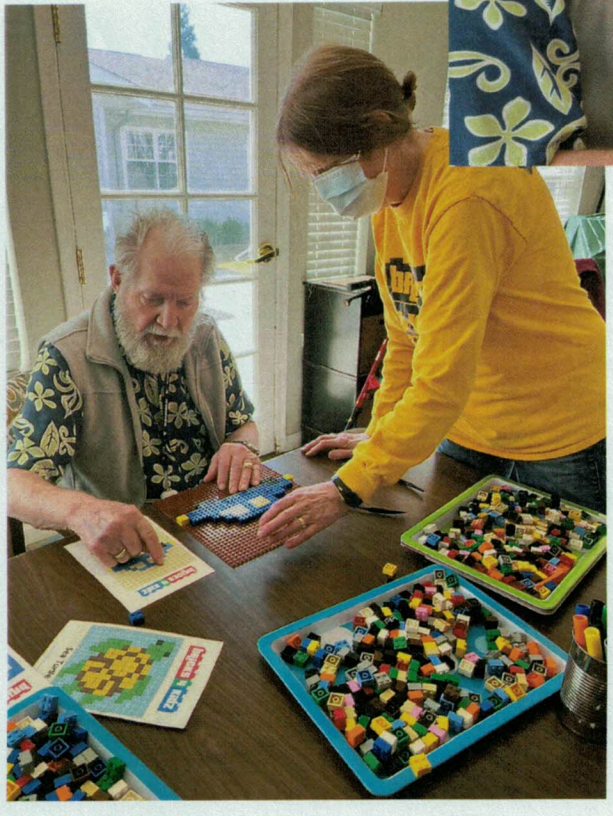


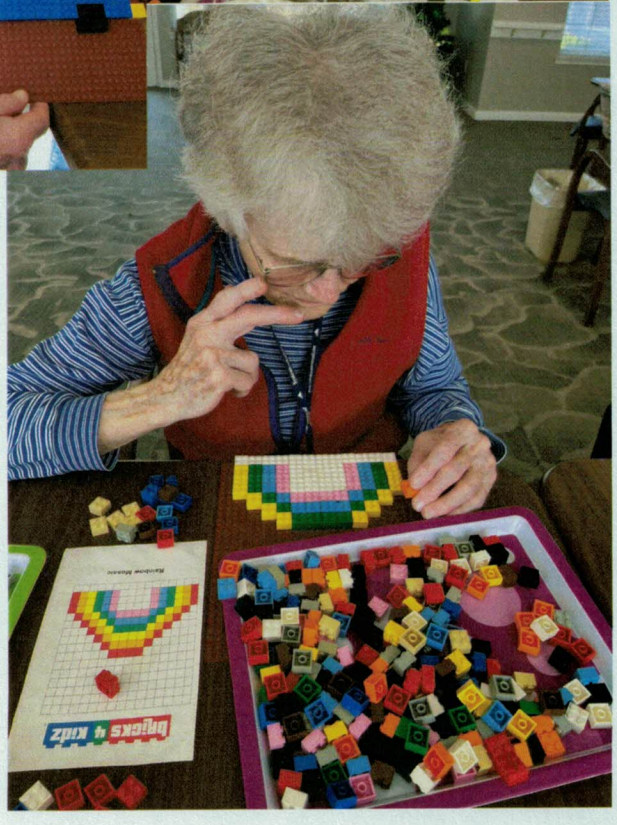
**Thanks to Nancy Rasmussen, Christ Lutheran has taken on another ministry – Bricks for Seniors. The residents of Blossom Place Assisted Living enjoyed working with Andy and Cheryl, creating pictures with legos on March 8th. They also did "Spin Art" . Fun was had by all! Please let Nancy know if you have any talents/hobbies would like to share with these residents.**

## BRICKS 4 SENIORS!







PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE

# 50TH

# Wedding Anniversary

OF

## Tim & Ilene Bushnell

TO BE HELD ON

**Saturday May 6th**

**At 1:00 PM**

PLACE: **Fruitvale Grange**

**2908 Castlevale Rd. Yakima, Wa**

RSVP: Angi Hughes 541-941-1646

angihughes4@gmail.com

**Please No Gifts,**

**Your Presence is Gift Enough!**

# April 2023

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1<br>AARP Tax Service<br>9:00-3:00 |
| 2<br>**Palm Sunday**<br>Worship Service 9:30 | 3<br>Scouts | 4<br>Christian Outreach<br>11:00<br>Scouts | 5<br>Mid Week Lenten Service<br>12:00 | 6<br>Maundy Thursday Service<br>6:00 PM | 7<br>Good Friday Services<br>6:00 PM | 8<br>AARP Tax Service<br>9:00-3:00 |
| 9<br>**EASTER SUNDAY**<br>Worship Service 9:30<br>Breakfast 8:00<br>Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 | 10<br>Scouts | 11<br>Scouts | 12<br>Family Bible Night<br>5:30-7:30 | 13 | 14 | 15<br>Quilting<br>10:00 - 12:00 |
| 16<br>Worship Service 9:30<br>Council Mtg 11:00<br>Faith, Fitness, & Fellowship<br>2:00 | 17<br>Scouts | 18<br>Scouts | 19<br>Worship & Music Meeting<br>12:00 | 20<br>Girls Lunch 11:45<br>Guy's Night Out 6:00 | 21 | 22 |
| 23<br>Worship Service 9:30<br>Pr. Ann Murphy Installation<br>Central Lutheran<br>Newsletter Deadline | 24<br>Book Study<br>11:00<br>Scouts | 25<br>Scouts | 26 | 27<br>Social Ministry<br>11:00 | 28<br>Synod Assembly<br>Pasco | 29<br>Synod Assembly<br>Pasco |
| 30<br>Worship Service 9:30<br>Synod Assembly<br>Pasco | 1 | Notes | | | | |

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