

The 4th Sunday of Easter (Observed)
April 29th, 2018



“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” *John 10:11*

WELCOME! We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please be sure to sign our guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

AS WE GATHER: *“A Very Good Shepherd”*

Good Shepherd Sunday evokes the comforting image of our risen Lord’s mercy for us, His sheep. John says we see love displayed in the Good Shepherd’s laying down His life for us. But there is another side to this Good Shepherd. For He is also the mighty Lord who destroyed sin and death by His resurrection from the dead. For with Peter and John before the temple officials, the same officials who had recently put Jesus to death, this resurrection faith translates into a boldness to witness and testify even in the face of threat of opposition. This day we praise our risen Lord, our Good Shepherd, by giving ourselves to *“Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.”*

Budget Update: Checkbook Balance 12/31/17: \$176.62

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 16,986	\$ 60,884
Expenses:	\$ 21,630	\$ 66,207
Over/(under):	\$ (4,644)	\$ (5,323)
CLC Loan Balance:	\$ 10,977	
Operating Loan:	\$ 29,770	
Savings Borrowed:	\$ 8,000	
 Total Debt:	 \$ 48,747	

March receipts were not enough to cover expenses. We had to use all of Easter Sunday's receipts, and we are still around \$1200 short. The biggest contributor to the shortfall is the replacement of the heat exchanger for the school furnace, a \$2,265 unplanned expense.

Treasurer, Jerry Kobiske

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ORDER OF SERVICE - Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

Opening Hymn—“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” (LSB 666)

Sharing of the Peace (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, *“Peace be with you,”* as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT

Collect of the Day

Scripture Readings

+ **First Reading**— *Acts 4:1–12* (Peter and John before the Council)

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

+ **Epistle**— *1 John 3:16–24* (Love one another.)

Alleluia and Verse— *“Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.”*

+ **Holy Gospel**— *John 10:11–18* (I am the Good Shepherd.)

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Confirmand Questioning

Bryna Katherine Fawn Boettcher & Jacob Wayne Earll

Sermon Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LSB 709)

Sermon “Our Good Shepherd” (Acts 4.1-12)

Sermon Outline—

4. The powerful have often seen death as a solution.
3. With Jesus’ resurrection, though, those who counted on death now had a life problem.
2. Yet we who should now have no problem with death still feel sheepish—especially about witnessing to our Good Shepherd.
1. What sweet Gospel, therefore, that this mighty Good Shepherd is also merciful to us—so that

IN CHRIST, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD, OUR SIN HAS A FORGIVENESS PROBLEM AND DEATH TO LIFE PROBLEM.

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”

COMMUNION STATEMENT—(*Please read our church’s communion statement regarding our practice of close communion before participating in the Sacrament*). The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Synod–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life’s blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Distribution Hymns:

- “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (LSB 710)
- “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” (LSB 625)

Closing Hymn “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (LSB 740)

+ *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord* +

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Officiant: Pastor John M. Taggatz
Organist: Chris Cutts
Elder: Lee Krause
Ushers: Jeremy & Aimee Lund
Altar Guild: Karen Tesch
Acolyte: Aiden Marquette

Church Information—

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www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com (Christ)

REMINDER! Pastor's Office Hours for Christ & Calvary

Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm
Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm
Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm
Thursday (Calvary): 9am – 1pm
Friday (Pastor's Day Off)

Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons

For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor's Cell Phone.

For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.

Our Prayer List: Samuel Cartwright, Pleasance Robbert's father; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Darin Triplett (cancer), son-in-law of Elvis Behm; Maggie Ollmann, granddaughter of Rita Thews; Dirk Niebaum (cancer) friend of the Taggatz family; Sam Ives friend of Ms Reindl (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems) oldest son of Pastor Bill Wurm; Tom Utecht (healing); Doris Behm; Bud Keller (surgery); Judy Keller (healing); Michael Felske (hospitalized), father of CarrieAnn Rohm.

In the Military: Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

Our Shut Ins: Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Doris Behm, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter's meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday May 20th, 2018** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our May Voter's Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School are deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

<p><u>Sunday – April 29th COMMUNION</u> 8:30 AM Examination Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday Brunch</p>
<p><u>Tuesday – May 1st</u> 8:30 AM Chapel</p>
<p><u>Wednesday – May 2nd</u> 6:00 PM PTG Meeting</p>
<p><u>Thursday – May 3rd</u> 9:00 – 11:00 AM Pre/K Visitation Day 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study at Calvary</p>
<p><u>Friday – May 4th</u> Pastor's Day Off 8:15 AM – 5:00 PM 4-7 grade field trip to Cave of the Mounds</p>
<p><u>Sunday – May 6th COMMUNION</u> 8:30 AM Confirmation Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class 5:00 PM Elders Meeting</p>

Preschool/Kindergarten Visitation Day: Christ Lutheran's Preschool/Kindergarten visitation day will be on Thursday, May 3rd from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. If you know of anyone that is interested in sending their child(ren) to Christ Lutheran School for the 2018-2019 school year and would be in Pre/K, please let them know about the visitation day. We would be glad to see them.

Christ Lutheran School is forming a Call Committee—in order to meet staffing needs for Christ Lutheran School for our Preschool through Kindergarten teaching position. If anyone is interested in being on the call committee, please call Aimee at the school office at 920-867-3263 or email Kelly Buchholtz at: kcbuchholtz@gmail.com. Please let us know by April 30th.

Mrs. Schliepp's retirement party is Sunday May 20th from 12-3pm at Christ Lutheran School—All congregation members, parents, students and alumni are invited to the retirement party. If you would like to help bring in food items, please grab a sticky note off the task board that is on the table in the church narthex. Please call Aimee at the church office if you have any questions at: 920-867-3263.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE –Is having our Sunday Brunch **TODAY** April 29th starting at 10:15 AM. We will have a free will offering. With all the money collected, it will be going towards the purchase of meat for the upcoming truck and tractor pull in July. Join us today for some fun, food, and fellowship!!!

Calling All Graduates!!! Graduation Sunday is coming up at Christ Lutheran Church and School on Sunday May 20th. The Kindergartners at Christ Lutheran School will be recognized for graduating this year. Also, we are asking that any High School or College age students of our congregations of Christ & Calvary that are graduating would also join us for this event. They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation. Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church's bulletins on May 20th.

Fellowship/Community Outreach: Do you have ideas on how to promote fellowship and community outreach here at Christ? If so, we would love to hear them! The Church Council is looking for people who have ideas and passion towards outreach and fellowship. It can be as much or as little as you want. No need to be involved at Council level or report at the Voters Meeting. Fund raising efforts to support your ideas would be led by Stacy Mundschau. If interested, please contact Pastor Taggatz or Stacy.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Gratefully acknowledges the memorial gift given in memory of Robert Brazil. The family has given altar candlesticks and candles in memory of their husband and father. A monetary of \$1,240 will be designated to the cushion fund.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Gratefully acknowledges the following gift. Bonnie Timm has designated her Thrivent Choice of \$2,044 to the Christian Life Center in memory of Brandon Timm.

Children's Quiet Bags are available for your kids here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches. These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2018. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: 920-867-3646.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY? Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God's Word together! We are currently studying, "A Christian Response to Mormonism," through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

FLOWER COMMITTEE: You will find a Flower Committee sign-up sheet. We are looking for one or two people to take care of flowers/plants for a month. The person(s) would be in responsible for Altar flowers and watering the green plants. If you are interested, please sign up or contact Susanne Utecht.

If you would like to worship at one of our parishes of Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, here is information regarding their addresses and worship times: Calvary Lutheran is located at: E1887 King Rd. Waupaca, WI 54981 (Calvary is located near King Veteran's home and is close to County Rd QQ). Calvary worships at 10:30am on Sunday mornings. Christ Lutheran is located at: N6412 State Road 49 Weyauwega, WI 54983, and they worship at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Also, if you drop your offering envelope into our sister parish on Sunday morning, your offering will make it back to the church that you are a member of.

Church Announcements Deadline: The deadline for getting church announcements into the bulletin for Christ and Calvary is on Wednesdays by 9am.

"The Challenges of Islam" is the topic of the Adult Bible Study which is held at 9:45 AM on Sundays here at Christ Lutheran. This study is part of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study topics.

BOX TOPS AND MILK CAPS: This is just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops and Kwik Trip milk caps, bag tops, glazed donut ovals and ice cream bar codes. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them in Aimee's church mailbox or on her desk in the school office. Thank you!

SCRIP AT CELC—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Vacation Bible School Volunteers have met from Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches and we have selected a program for the summer for our two churches. We will be doing the VBS Program "Shipwrecked" from Group Publishing. We are looking to have Christ Lutheran's VBS on Monday July 23rd-27th from 8:30am-11:30am Monday through Friday with registration on Monday beginning at 8am. Calvary's VBS will be the week of June 25th-29th from 5-8pm Monday through Friday. Our next planning meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran on Wednesday May 9th at 3:30pm. We have applied for two Thrivent Actions grants to cover the supplies for Vacation Bible School, one for Christ and the other for Calvary.

The Congregation at Prayer Sunday April 29th, 2018, The 4th Sunday of Easter

Catechism: Table of Duties—To Wives: Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:5-6

Verse of the week: John 14:6, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 147

Hymn of the week: (LSB 487) "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (stanzas 1 and 4)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday—Sorrow Will Turn to Joy—John 16:16-22

Monday—The Ark of the Covenant Is Returned to Israel—1 Samuel 6:1—7:1

Tuesday— Samuel Judges Israel—1 Samuel 7:2-17

Wednesday— Israel Demands a King—1 Samuel 8:1-22

Thursday— Saul Is Chosen to Be King—1 Samuel 9:1-6 (7-9) 10-24

Friday—Saul Is Anointed King—1 Samuel 9:25—10:16

“When we see the unborn ... vulnerable, helpless, destined for destruction—we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. His hands that were pierced and His body that died and rose again were formed in a womb, giving value to all who have resided there.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679

THE LUTHERAN HOUR—“**The Answer to Unhappiness**” Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Newman. What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: “If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?” Can you guess the number one answer? It was happiness. (Acts 8:26-40)**The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, “listen now.”** Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)

7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)

8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)

10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

WE ARE CREATED TO REFLECT GOD’S IMAGE BY WHAT WE SAY AND DO.

“Put on the new self, which is being renewed in the image of its Creator” (Colossians 3:10).



Stewardship Minute— In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warns us about how our attitude toward money and things can affect our response to God’s Word. Jesus stated that some “*seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants*” (Matthew 13:7). He explained, “*The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and*

the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22). Having money and possessions can deceive you into believing that nothing is more important than owning things and enjoying the things money can buy. If the love of money controls your heart, God is pushed aside, and you will endanger your eternity with Him. Like the Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-30), you will walk away sadly, unable to part with your money.