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**Living Christ Lutheran Church's
Vision:
Embracing Hearts
Transforming Lives
Sharing Jesus' Love**

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April 2026*

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Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 7 PM
 Good Friday, April 3rd 7 PM
 Easter, April 5th 10 AM

Donuts for Diapers 2026

Saturday April 11th 10 am—12pm
**FOURTH ANNUAL DIAPER
 DRIVE FOR FOSTER FAMILIES**



You bring the diapers (and wipes),
 we'll bring the donuts
 (and coffee).

The Living Letters

April 2026

He Calls You by Name.

John 20:16 – “Jesus says to her, ‘Mary.’” Jesus is risen from the dead, the Victor over sin – and He even calls us by name. He calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection.



from the
Pastor

Jesus speaks with Mary Magdalene. She is the woman who was demon-possessed. (See Luke 8:2-3). Here is the power of Jesus healing Mary by casting out seven demons. Her life is transformed forever by Jesus. Throughout the Gospels, Mary is a faithful follower of Jesus. She is one of the few disciples of Jesus who watches her Savior die a slow and painful death. She watches Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus bury Jesus in a new tomb.

Mary and other women go to the tomb with spices on the first day of the week to find it empty! Jesus appears to Mary by the empty tomb. And Jesus calls her by Name. “Mary.” She instantly recognizes Jesus and calls him “Rabboni!” (which means “my teacher”). Jesus has a much more intimate relationship. He is her Risen Redeemer. Jesus makes no accusations. There are no hostilities. Jesus’ love for you is everlasting. The relationship is like that of a friend. One you can count on even in times of trouble and distress.

As that faithful follower she is, Jesus' relationship is one of peace. The peace that Jesus restores through his resurrection. No hostility. Jesus takes care of sin, death, and Satan. More than that, you are part of God's family.

Jesus gives her instructions to relay to the disciples. Mary Magdalene goes and announces to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!”—and that he had said these things to her.

Easter is a day of great celebration! As people of God, we have much to be joyful about. Jesus calls you by name. Like Mary Magdalene, you too have a story to tell. Whether it is illness, loss of loved ones, divorce, or even loss of employment, he calls you by name and holds you tightly. He wipes away your tears.

You have a great message to share. Let's Go!

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

In Christ,

Pastor Bill



LIVING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Come Worship with us

April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10:00 AM

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Worship Previews and Notes

4/5: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Assigned Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
 Colossians 3:1-4
 Matthew 28:1-10

4/12: Second Sunday of Easter

Assigned Readings: Acts 5:29-42
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

4/19: Third Sunday of Easter

Assigned Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 1 Peter 1:17-25
 Luke 24:13-35

4/26: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Assigned Readings: Acts 2:42-47
 1 Peter 2:19-25
 John 10:1-10

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 7 PM with Holy Communion
 Good Friday, April 3rd 7 PM
 Easter, April 5th 10 AM with Holy Communion

EASTER FLOWERS

Spring Flowers will again be placed around the church for Easter Sunday. The flowers will be sold after the Easter church service. There will be a variety depending which ones will be available from the greenhouse. Questions: See Arlene



MODERN SERVICE

This is a reminder that every fourth Sunday of the month we will gather for Modern Worship in place of our Blended Service at Living Christ Lutheran Church. All are invited to join us for an uplifting service filled with modern songs, meaningful worship, and time together in God's Word. It will be a joyful opportunity to praise the Lord in a slightly different style that is modern yet distinctly Lutheran, proclaiming Christ and His promises. We hope you will come and worship with us — and feel free to invite a friend!



Modern ● Worship

Easter Brunch

April 5, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall



Following the church service we will have a pot luck brunch. Please invite your friends and family members to join us.

Questions: Ask Patty

Communications

Newsletter Schedule

If your schedule is open and you would like to help with the newsletter, please call Lynne in the church office.



Thanks to Karen and George R. for helping with the March newsletter.

Serving the next several months:

Month	May	June	July
Articles due	4/10	5/10	6/10
Ready to proof	4/15	5/15	6/15
Proofer	Gilda	Karen	Becky
Ready to collate	4/23-24	5/22-23	6/23-24
Collate team	Linda	Kathy	George R.

Those Serving us this Month

Altar Guild: Smitha

Pastoral/ Communion Assistant:

4/2 Art
4/5 Marty
4/12 Art
4/19 Marty
4/26 Art

Lay Reader:

4/2 Marty
4/3 Smitha
4/5 Art
4/12 Becky
4/19 George R.
4/26 Marty



LCD Projector:

4/2 Smitha
4/3 Lynne H.
4/5 Smitha
4/12 Patty
4/19 Rita
4/26 Lynne H.

Live Streaming:

4/3 Wendy
4/5 George S.
4/12 Lynne R.
4/19 Wendy
4/26 George S.



Ushers:

4/2 Smitha and Jack
4/3 Fred and Bob
4/5 Art and Jack
4/12 Marty and Bob
4/19 Smitha and George R.
4/26 Art and Fred

Welcome Partner:

4/2 Nancy
4/3 Laura
4/5 Nancy
4/12 Laura
4/19 Gilda
4/26 Nancy



Gift Cards

Thank you to those of you who support the Gift Card Fund by purchasing and ordering gift cards. Would you consider purchasing gift cards once in a while to be used for gifts or for your everyday purchases at grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurants? We hope to replenish the fund and be ready to donate to the next non-budgeted need of the church. Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of every month and put in an order for gift cards. I will continue to stock the box with a variety of gift cards First come first serve for the stocked items. The profits from this really helps with the extras at church. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.



Patty, Gift Card Fund Coordinator



HELP NEEDED ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER AT WORSHIP SERVICES?

We are always looking and can use some extra volunteers!

To get started, or if you would like more information, please contact the church office.

ALTAR GUILD:

Please prayerfully consider signing up to serve for one month of 2026. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board by the elevator. If you feel you cannot commit for a whole month, please consider signing up for one week. If you are not sure what is involved or how to do it, talk to Smitha, Laura or Lynne. If you would like to assist for a week or more, let us know.

USHERS AND GREETERS

If you would like to be added to the usher and/or greeter schedule, please let Laura or Lynne know.

LCD PROJECTOR

If you would like to be added to the LCD Projector schedule, please let Laura or Lynne know. Training will be provided. Everything is set up for you on Sunday morning, you just need to click to the next screen when appropriate. If you would like to see what is involved just join Rita, Smitha or Lynne in the choir loft on any Sunday morning.

Any questions, see Laura or Lynne



Donuts for Diapers (and pull-ups and wipes)

Saturday April 11

10 am—12 pm

FOURTH ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

Foster families need diapers and wipes for the children in their care.
Larger size diapers (17 lbs.+) are especially appreciated.

Please help.

You bring the diapers (and wipes), we'll bring the donuts (and coffee and cold drinks).

Thank you for your kindness.

Becky

Food Pantry Update

I totaled up the 2025 sign-in sheets. These are the sheets people sign when they receive food. The people who come receive a brown bag with bigger items and a plastic bag with canned goods.

We also have a table with random items that are donated that we don't usually put in the bags. Things like mustard, ketchup, stuffing, dish and laundry soap, and coffee. We also give away diapers if someone asks for them. The most popular sizes for diaper giveaway are 5 and 6. We give away about 1 bag of diapers every 2 weeks on average.

Our average give away is just over 22 units every other week. Broken down, we gave 222 units to residents of Wheeling, 137 units to residents of Buffalo Grove, 139 units to residents of Arlington Heights, 32 units to residents of Palatine, 23 to Prospect Heights and 29 units of food to other towns in the area including Mt. Prospect, Des Plaines, and Deerfield.

In addition, at various times we give away blankets made by the prayer shawl ministry, clothes books, and toys.

It is always amazing to see all the giving that goes out from our church members, our neighbors, and from Thrivent Action grants. We are truly blessed! Thank you everyone for all your giving.

The work that goes into the food pantry comes out to approximately an hour a day every day. I can't thank everyone enough for all the help and time everyone put into getting the job done.

Thank you to my wife Lynne, Kathy, George R., Anna, Jen and John, Arlene and George S., Becky and Marty, Linda, Ilene and our neighbor Steve.

Thank you Lord for all the love and support from our friends and neighbors. Help us to be there for people who are in need. Thank you Lord for allowing us to be part of the giving. Amen.

Art



**WELLNESS
WEDNESDAYS FOR
SENIORS & FRIENDS**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR LIVELY
DISCUSSIONS**

JUNE 10TH - LET'S TALK ABOUT FOOD!:

Dietary changes to maximize health

JULY 8TH - AGING IN PLACE:

Making your home safe and accessible

AUGUST 12TH - KEEP MOVING!

The importance of movement & exercise

SEPT. 9TH - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER:

Creating a Legacy Binder: All your important information in one place

11:00 A.M.

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The April Ministry of the Month is the Trinity HOPE

Haiti is about 700 miles southeast of the southern tip of Florida with a population of over 11 million people. An estimated 4.4 million people are suffering from acute hunger.

Trinity HOPE is a ministry that feeds thousands of hungry children, teachers, and cooks each day in Christian schools. With each meal prayer, children are reminded that their food is provided through the love of Jesus Christ. A Lutheran pastor visits Paul et Isabel Lutheran School in Hinche, Haiti, twice a month, talking with children and staff and teaching lessons that share the Gospel. The children, in turn, become missionaries and go home and teach their families what they learned about Jesus Christ in school.



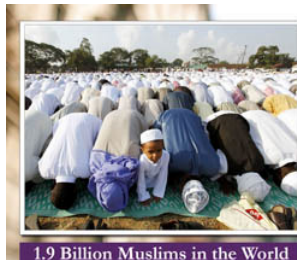
LWML featured grant

Introducing Muslims to the Savior
2025–2027 Mission Grant 9 — \$100,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) supports the mission of the church — bringing Christ to the lost so that, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, they may believe in Christ their Savior. For over 30 years, LHF has been extending the ministry of God’s Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible. They have translated and published more than 1,500 titles in over 150 languages, which have been distributed at no cost to churches, pastors, individuals, and missionaries.

About a quarter of the world’s population — over 1.9 billion — identify as Muslim. They are living in spiritual darkness and starving for the love of Jesus Christ.

This grant will fund publication of over 20,000 Lutheran books, like the *Small Catechism*, *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories*, and devotions translated into the Arabic, Farsi, Bahasa Indonesian, and Kazakh languages that will be distributed in the United States and worldwide.



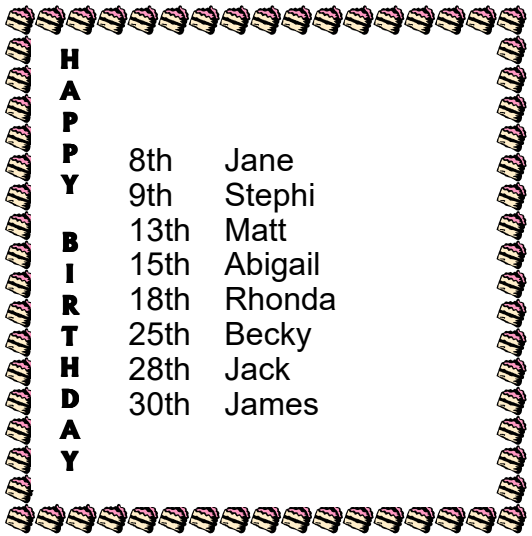
1.9 Billion Muslims in the World



**Lutheran
Women’s
Missionary
League**

Mites will be collected after the church service on April 5th. \$60.52 was collected in March for mites. Thank





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8th Jane
9th Stephi
13th Matt
15th Abigail
18th Rhonda
25th Becky
28th Jack
30th James

PLANNING AHEAD



April 2 Maundy Thursday
 April 3 Good Friday
 April 5 Easter and Easter Brunch
 Mites collected after service
 Gift Card Orders placed
 April 11 Donuts for Diapers
 April 21 Board of Directors Meeting
 May 3 Mites collected
 Gift Card Orders placed
 May 12 Board of Directors Meeting(note change of date)
 May 17 Congregational Meeting
 June 9 Lifeline Screening
 June 10 Wellness Wednesday
 July 8 Wellness Wednesday
 August 12 Wellness Wednesday
 September 9 Wellness Wednesday

Lifeline Screening: Have You Taken Control of Your Health?

Life Line Screening will be here at Living Christ Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Three ways to register:

Call toll-free: 866-229-0469

Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Text: the word circle to 797979



We have some COMPLIMENTARY SCREENINGS available. If you are interested, please contact the church office before you sign up.

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Pastor Bill is available for counseling, prayers and conversation either at church, a visit to your home or by phone. Please call the church office to schedule a time with him.



Elders

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Marty