



**LENT MIDWEEK  
WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

Lenten Midweek II (March 4)  
Lenten Midweek III (March 11)  
Lenten Midweek IV (March 18)  
Lenten Midweek V (March 25)

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday  
9:00 am Divine Service of Holy  
Communion

Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday  
6:30 pm Divine Service of Holy  
Communion

Friday, April 3, Good Friday  
Tre Ore Service at St. John's Lutheran  
1000 Bluff St., Beloit  
12:00 – 3:00 pm  
*"Tre Ore" is Latin for "Three Hours", and  
recognized the 3 hours Christ suffered on the  
cross, and what He accomplished for us there.*

Good Friday Evening Service  
at Christ Ev. Lutheran  
6:30 pm

Resurrection Sunday, April 5  
9:00 am Divine Service of Holy  
Communion  
10:30 am Easter Brunch

**LENTEN SUPPERS**

Lenten suppers will be served 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, March 4 (host: Board of Fellowship), and March 18 (host: Church Council). Volunteers are needed to help with providing foods, set-up & clean-up for March 11 and March 25. Members may partner together to host an evening. These may be very light and simple meals. Please let Jenny Ludeman know if you would like to host either of those nights, so that we can let members know whether supper will be held.

**WELCOME,  
RAY AND GINNY MORBY!**



Ray and Ginny Morby were welcomed into membership at Christ Ev. Lutheran during worship on February 22 (transferred from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Waterford, WI). Please introduce yourselves to the Morbys and invite them to join you at upcoming CELC events.

Here is some brief introduction of the Morbys, provided by Ginny: "Ray and I were both born and raised in northern Illinois. We have 3 sons, grown with families of their own. We have a total of 13 grandkids. Ray is a retired carpenter. He built our first 2 houses and has totally remodeled our current home in Beloit. I am a retired secretary. My current hobby is crocheting & knitting, mostly afghans."

## **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP**

Men's Group meets on the first and third Saturday at 9:00 am of each month. Their next meetings will be March 7 and March 21, with Bible Study. If you have questions, please contact Dan Ludeman (608-931-8304).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2026 SCOOPIE NIGHT FUNDRAISERS**

### **Sponsored by CELC Men's Group**

We will be holding 3 fund raising events through Scoopie Share Nights. These are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

**Tuesdays, April 21 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
and May 19 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
At Janesville Culvers**

**645 Midland Rd., Janesville  
and**

**Monday, June 15 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
at Beloit Culvers  
2676 Cranston Rd, Beloit**

Please mark your calendars and take your family and friends out to Culvers for supper.

The three nights' earnings will be equally divided between:

- purchases to assemble Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train
- Housing4OurVets
- CELC Bell Tower Fund.

*"They will know we are Christians by our Love."*

## **MERCY PENNIES**

Thank you to all who have donated toward Pennies for Mercy Meals in recent months. This project is sponsored by Christ Ev. Lutheran Men's Group. Every 3 cents ships a meal. Remember to save your pennies when you get change back. Pennies are collected at the back of the sanctuary the first Sunday of each month. Our next collections will be March 1 and April 5.

## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The process for calling a candidate from the seminary to be our new pastor has involved the completion of many forms. In December the official application was filed with the South Wisconsin District office and submitted to the two LCMS seminaries that prepare men to be pastors. At a meeting on Feb. 11, the Christ Lutheran Call Committee completed the remaining required forms.

The paperwork involved detailed data not only of our congregation but also information about the area in which we live. The committee is pleased to report that all forms have now been completed and submitted to the South Wisconsin District and LCMS offices. We now wait to learn if a student graduate will receive our Call, as the number of students has been low in recent years.

Placements of the seminary candidates will be made in April. There are two Concordia Theological seminaries, one in Fort Wayne, IN, and one in St. Louis. The placement announcements will be made at Call Day Services--April 28 at St. Louis and April 29 at Fort Wayne.

As we wait, please pray without ceasing. *Almighty God, You have commanded us to pray for faithful laborers. Of Your infinite mercy, give us a faithful pastor to preach Your holy Word and lead this flock that together many more may be drawn into Your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the committee. The members are David Burno, Chair; Bill Kase, Bryce Kitzman, Martin Newhouse, Elaine Rather, John Shorts, and William Uffenbeck.

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN



The next collection date will be **Friday, April 10** from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the church parking lot. Make sure donated clothing is clean and either very gently used (“like new” condition) or new. All price tags must be removed. If you have non-clothing items to donate, or would like to volunteer at St. Paul’s on April 11, please contact Dan Ludeman at 608-931-8304 for details.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Our students continue to learn more about Jesus Christ and His love and grace.

### March Birthday

Jase Nelson ..... March 5

### Baptism Anniversaries

(none in March)

May the Holy Spirit ever keep our students in His baptismal grace and faith unto life everlasting.

## HANDBELL PRACTICE

Handbell practice for beginners, young ringers or basic review are underway, and are held most Sundays following Sunday School & Bible Class, at approximately 11:30 a.m. Participants should check bulletins for schedules. Prior music experience is not necessary; everything you need to know will be taught. Practices will be about 20 min. in length. First-time ringers or anyone with questions are asked to contact Elaine Rather (608-676-4984). Please join us!

## WOMEN’S SOCIETY

**March 10**

**1:00 pm**

### **Important Date Corrections in the Women’s Booklet**

Ladies, please make the following date changes in the April section of your 2026 Women’s Society booklet: Easter is April 5, the April meeting will be April 9 at 6:30 pm (Thurs. evening) and the Spring LWML Zone Rally will be April 22. I apologize that last year’s April dates were left in when printing.

The ladies had a busy and productive meeting on Feb. 10. We started at 11:00 am, giving the ovens, stovetops, and refrigerators a thorough cleaning. At 1:00 pm we started our business meeting: making final plans for the Ash Wednesday Supper, planning for our April 9 Evening Meeting project (May Baskets for our shut-ins), and planning for hosting the LWML Zone 20 Spring Rally on April 22 (Beloit and Delavan LCMS churches, plus Christ Ev. Lutheran). ALL women are considered part of Women’s Society, and are encouraged to attend meetings.

Thank you to all who helped with or attended the Ash Wednesday Supper. It is our honor to provide this each year. Freewill donations of \$36.00 were given toward the Bell Tower Fund.

## **MAY BASKETS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

At our April 9 Evening Meeting, Women’s Society will assemble May Baskets for our homebound members. We invite you to help provide the following items:

- Travel-sized Lotions
- Puzzle Books
- Pre-packaged Snacks & Treats
- Homemade Jams
- Blank Greeting Cards / Blank Note Cards
- Postage Stamps

## **LWML ZONE 20 SPRING RALLY**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church  
300 High St., Clinton, WI

**Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM**

**Rally Begins: 9:00 AM**

Light Luncheon served following the Rally

**Bible Study by Rev. Dan Eddy**  
**Zone 20 Counselor**

**Program by Pastor Allen Strawn**  
**UW-Madison Campus Ministry at**  
**Calvary Lutheran Chapel**

We encourage you to RSVP to Christ  
Lutheran church office (608) 676-4994 by  
Sunday, April 12

**Ingathering for Calvary Lutheran**  
**Chapel's Campus Ministry program**

Keurig Coffee pods of various flavors  
Tea bags

Various single serve snacks

Canned soda

Hot Chocolate

Single serve meals (not freezer) like Mac  
and cheese

### **WE NEED YOUR CANS!**

Do you have aluminum beverage cans to recycle? We are collecting aluminum (beverage only) cans to raise money for the Bell Tower fund. **These should be rinsed out and dry.** The collection bin is located in the kitchen next to the utility sink.

## **WOMEN'S SOCIETY** **MISSION COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your contributions!

In January we were able to purchase a case of paper for the church office from Office Max using rewards from used ink cartridges.

The following items have been received since the January newsletter:

- 32 ink cartridges
- 11 Box Tops receipts

Please continue to place your collections in the container located in the north entryway cloak area.

We are discontinuing the collection of Loaves4Learning UPCs due to few schools collecting them. If you have any on hand, please turn them in this month.

Any questions may be directed to Elaine Rather (608-676-4984). Thank you!

### **Action Team Cards**

Attention Thrivent Members

You have until March 31, 2026 to direct any remaining 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice. Let's not leave these charitable dollars behind.

There are many events in 2026 for which you may use your cards. Each card is worth \$250 toward event costs. Dave Burno will be happy to help you choose an event to sponsor and also to help you complete the application process.

Please complete your direction in any of these ways:

On-line: [www.thrivent.com/choice](http://www.thrivent.com/choice)

OR

Phone: 1-800-847-4836

OR

By calling your Thrivent Financial representative

OR

By calling David Burno (608-728-4675)

## ENJOY A CONCERT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

Everyone is invited to a concert of organ, euphonium and harpsichord music on Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 801 Bushnell St., in Beloit. Performing will be William Uffenbeck on euphonium and Elaine Rather on organ alongside Dr. Max Yount and Beth Yount on organ and harpsichord. The concert is part of the Musica Maxima concert series, sponsored by First Congregational throughout the year.

## SPRING AHEAD



Remember to set your clocks 1 hour forward before going to bed on **Saturday, March 7.** Daylight Saving Time begins that night (Sun., March 8). We don't want anyone to miss Worship!

## OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

Over the coming months, Bryce Kitzman will be working to refresh the church website. If you have any ideas, feedback on changes, or improvements you would like to see, he would be glad to hear from you.

## WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

**Friday, April 10**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm**

A Women's Self-Defense Class will be held in our church fellowship hall on Friday, April 10. This event is sponsored by the Clinton Senior Center and coordinated by Patty Van Stone. Cost of the event is \$15; please call Patty (608-553-1048) to register. Registration is limited to the first 25 women to register. You must be registered to attend.

## ALTAR GUILD



Special thanks to those who have offered to help with altar guild. More volunteers are still welcome. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Rev. Rather or Debbie Brittich.

## Looking ahead

*Easter Brunch -- April 5*

*Bowling Party – Date to be determined*

Please watch bulletins for further details, as they become available

## ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS AND PHOTOS

We had a wonderful turnout for our Chili Cookoff on Feb. 15. Congratulations to Danielle Christensen (1<sup>st</sup> place), Rosie Christensen (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Dan Ludeman & Bill Kase (tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place).



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March

CHRIST LUTHERAN

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Bible Class & Sunday School	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00-6:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 Men's Group & Bible Study
<b>8</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Bible Class <i>no Sunday School</i> 11:30 Handbell Practice	<b>9</b> 9:00-1:00 Winkel Meeting (Mt. Calvary, Janesville)	<b>10</b> 1:00 Women's Society  7:00 Church Council	<b>11</b>  6:30 Lenten Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Bible Class & Sunday School 11:30 Handbell Practice	<b>16</b> 8:30 Food Pantry Packing	<b>17</b> 9:00 Food Pantry Distribution	<b>18</b>  5:00-6:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 Men's Group & Bible Study
<b>22</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Bible Class & Sunday School 11:30 Handbell Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>(9:00 Snow Date for Pantry if needed)</i>	<b>25</b>  6:30 Lenten Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 Bible Class <i>no Sunday School</i> 11:30 Handbell Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Lenten Suppers may also be held March 11 and 25, if hosts volunteer for those dates			