

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Lutheran Church Eagan

March 25, 2017

Verse of the Week: Luke 13:34



A mosaic of a mother hen protecting her chicks—on the altar of Dominus Flevit Church on the Mount of Olives. Luke 13:34b in Latin is translated:

**“How often would I have gathered your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”**

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.



Palm Sunday Breakfast This Week!

Don't miss the wonderful
breakfast after church on
Sunday, March 25!

The youth will be serving to
raise money for their Servant Event this summer.

Free will offering



Holy Week

Service Schedule

Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday, Breakfast following church service

On Palm Sunday, we remember that we are not always willing to do what God asks of us, but in His Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, Christ reveals to us that even tough roads are worth traversing for the good of the Kingdom.

Thursday, March 29, 7pm, Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

On Maundy Thursday, we remember that Christ asks His disciples to wash one another's feet, as He has washed theirs, for the joy that was set before Him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to Him who is the Servant of All.

Friday, March 30, 7pm Good Friday

On Good Friday, we remember that on the cross Christ followed through with the will of God, crying out "*It is finished*" as He breathed His last. This ultimate sacrifice serves as a model to look at our lives as a holy sacrifice to Him.

Sunday, April 1, 9am, Easter with Holy Communion

On Easter Sunday, we remember that when Christ rose from the tomb, He opened the door to a new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. God's will for us as Easter people is to fix our eyes on the new creation of perfect paradise prepared for us in heaven.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School, Youth Bible Class, or Adult Bible Class on March 25 or April 1. We will resume on April 8. Please join us!

Who is my Elder?

Over the last year, some members have been wondering which Elder is assigned to them. The Elders have discussed this and believe the best Elder assigned to you is the one you already know and can have open discussions. So, the Board of Elders would like you to reach out to the Elder that best fits your needs rather than assigning an Elder to you or your family. The Board of Elders include:

Curt Hartog 612-968-2897 Dick Bielenberg 651-454-1530
Dennis Miller 612-801-4297 Robin Fink 651-686-0938

Please call any of the Elders for your needs.

Preschool Envelope Fundraiser

This year's Envelope Fundraiser will begin on Sunday, March 25. Since we are moving to full days and extended care in September, we will be making much more use of our outside space. We want to add a mud kitchen, play shade canopy, tire climbing structures, and a place for outside story and circle time. Please consider taking an envelope and donating what you can to help us reach our goals. Your help is greatly appreciated! See below and check out the bulletin Board in the narthex to see what our plans make look like!

Our Gifts to the Lord		Attendance	
		Lenten Service, March 14	40
Mar 10, 11 General Fund	\$5552.00	Saturday, March 17	11
Mar 5-9 Joyful Response	<u>\$ 825.00</u>	Sunday, March 18	<u>82</u>
Total	\$6377.00	Total (weekend)	93

The Peacemaker

In 2018, the Board of Elders and Pastor Hahn are reviewing the book, *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande. The Elders and Pastor want to enhance our skills in resolving personal conflict in the desire to bring better harmony to Christ Lutheran Church. Each month during the Elders meeting, the Elders review a chapter in *The Peacemaker*. To bring this learning to the congregation, we are preparing notes for each chapter to share with you. From our study of Chapter 1, here are some thoughts on the message and learnings provided.

Chapter 1 – Glorify God

Conflict provides opportunity to glorify God. Conflict provides us as Christians an opportunity to focus on God's plan rather than seeking our own ends. As we recognize and rejoice in God's forgiveness, we will more easily forgive others. We can treat others in such a way to reflect the grace of God that he has given us through his Son. If we are unforgiving, we are in opposition to God's word and we do not honor God. The slippery slope of conflict provides avenues to resolve conflict. The escape response, the attack response and the peacemaking response. The only positive path to resolve conflict is peacemaking. Using reconciliation, negotiations, mediation, accountability and forgiveness, we can make peace in the most trying and difficult times.

If you would like your own copy of *The Peacemaker*, Pastor Hahn has a few extra copies. Please let him know. The Elders would also like your feedback on each chapter. We believe a good dialogue between members is helpful to advance unity and peace at Christ Lutheran Church.

Blessings,

The Board of Elders

**Be sure to pick up the latest Portals of Prayer,
as well as the new LWML Quarterly
and the District "Women on a Mission."**

