

APRIL 2023

TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Divine Service in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. Services are live streamed every Sunday morning.

Email matt@tclutheranchurch.org to be added to our weekly email list.



What's Happening in April???

Saturday, April 1st – 10:00 AM – LWML Meeting

Sunday, April 2nd – 9:30 AM – Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 6th – 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 7th – 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8th – 10:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, April 9th – 9:30 AM – Easter Sunday

Friday, April 21st – 6:00 PM – Friendship Unlimited Dinner & Devotion (*more info inside*)

Bible Studies:

Sunday Mornings after church – led by Pastor Mankin (*No class on April 2 and 9*)

B.U.G.s Bible Study – Tuesdays, 7:00 PM – Begins April 18th, more details inside...

Joy in the Morning – Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – Friendship Center

Come hang out and study Lutheranism 101

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays, 7:00 AM – at Flap Jacks Diner (2721 El Camino Ave.)

All men are welcome to join. Please contact Flint Pendergraft: 916-952-6146

Ladies' Bible Study – Thursdays, 9:30 AM – Friendship Center (*No class on April 6th*)

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By the time you read this, Lent will be almost over, with the joys of Easter around the corner.

But before we move on, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the hard work and dedication so many people showed in bringing the Lenten Dramas to life. Your talent and commitment to our Lord were evident in every performance, and I was truly moved by the depth of emotion and meaning conveyed in each service.

Your performances were nothing short of outstanding, and I was captivated from beginning to end.

I know that it takes a tremendous amount of effort and teamwork to put together these services, and I want you to know that your contributions did not go unnoticed. You have my deepest appreciation for all that you do.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts with us. I look forward to seeing what we will create next year!

I pray that all of you will know the joy of Easter in a few weeks. May the miracle of Easter fill your heart with love, hope, and joy. May you be blessed with peace and happiness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Happy Easter! He is Risen!

Lord's Blessings,

Pastor Mankin

Thank you to all who participated in the midweek Lenten services!

Actors, musicians, readers, ushers, lay ministers, etc...

Pastor Mankin	Matt Kretzmann	John Parrish
Lisa Mankin	Ann Kretzmann	Rod Oswalt
Paul Krieg	Dave Kretzmann	Mark Tuckerman
Peter Krieg	The Hand Bell Choir	Dave Scholz
Sue Matthews	Jerilynn Reed	Terry Damro
Brendin James	Christina Glasson	Rich Nelson
Rick Love	Linda Pugh	

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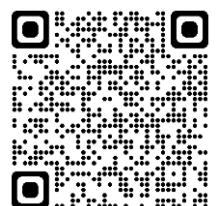
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FRIENDSHIP UNLIMITED

**Friday, April 21 at 6:00 pm
at El Gallo's Restaurant (11773 Fair Oaks Blvd.)**

**Devotion afterwards at Rich and Sharon Nelson's
(8826 Central Ave. Orangevale, CA)**

**RSVP by Sunday, April 16
Rich Nelson: 916-296-1930 | Sharon Nelson: 916-296-4633**

Starting April 18th

**The BUGS (Building Up Groups) Bible Study
will begin a 6-week study on Jonah and Joel.**

This group will meet each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at the home of Marge Otto.

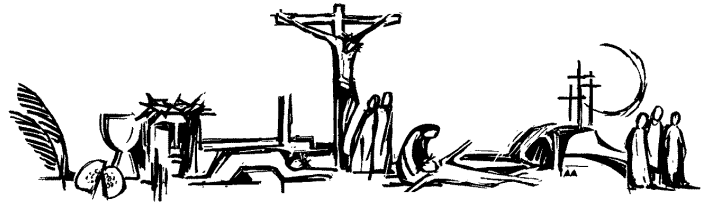
**For more information and to receive a study guide,
please call Rod Oswalt (916-213-2827) or Marge Otto (916-481-3593)**

NEW TENANTS IN JUNE:

Our church has signed a new long-term lease commencing June 1! Assist, our current tenant, will be with us until May 31. Our new tenant is the Hope Academy of the Marconi Montessori School. They will operate a day care and preschool up to 5 years of age and use all our educational facilities. One benefit of this lease is the positive financial impact on our church - we do not need to pursue selling our field with this lease in place. The contract with Coldwell Banker to find a buyer for our field has been discontinued. Please keep the Montessori School and T&C in your prayers as our new tenant settles in and works to setup and fill their new school on our campus.

- John Parrish

From the Pew



In a few short days, all Christendom will again journey in memory through the days of Holy Week, remembering the closing events of Christ's earthly ministry. In thoughtfully reading the accounts of that Passion Week, we are struck by the voices: the shouts, cries, charges, counter-charges, denials, and promises. Spend a few silent moments as we listen to the voices:

The voices of the triumphant welcome:

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

The voice of bargaining: **"What will you give me if I deliver Him to you?"**

The voice of question: **"Is it I, Lord?"**

The voice of self-confidence: **"Even though they all fall away, I will not."**

The voice of the traitor: **"Hail, master!"**

The harsh voice: **"I do not know this man of whom you speak!"**

The cruel voices: **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?!"**

The unreasonable voice: **"Away with this man and release to us Barabbas!"**

The frenzied mob voices: **"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"**

The mocking voices: **"He saved others, He cannot save Himself."**

Voices of Jerusalem: unkind, unjust, unloving. But listen again...

"If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."

"I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

"I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

"Whom seek ye?"

"It is finished."

The voice of the only begotten Son of God, guiding, setting rules for living, gentle, loving. Words spoken by Christ during His last days on earth.

Holy Week, 2023. Our voices: Accusing, demanding, making charges, stirring up, denying, lying, and speaking half-truths? OR gently guiding, loving, praying, comforting, soothing, witnessing, testifying to truths, counseling, and understanding?

The most exciting voice of all on the first day of the week: *"He is not here! He is risen as he said!"*

**A Blessed Easter to You All,
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