



Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Church Comments

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Holy Saturday is the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is a day of waiting and anticipation, as we hold vigil anticipating Jesus' resurrection. Holy Saturday is that uncomfortable time between tragedy and renewal - between death and resurrection.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read that Jesus' disciples were gathered together on Holy Saturday, mourning the death of their rabbi, teacher, and friend. They were afraid and confused, and they did not know what to do. I often wonder what it must have been like in that upper room - waiting - trying to make sense of all that had happened.

Sometimes, our calling as people of faith, is simply to be patient and the Holy Spirit work. God may very well be working on things that we have no knowledge of. One of the signs of a mature faith is being able to wait on God's answer to prayer, even when it takes longer than we want. I've come to call that posture holy patience.

Holy patience is the ability to endure difficult times without becoming angry or frustrated. It is the ability to wait for God's timing, even when we don't understand God's plans. Holy patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, and it is a gift that we can ask God to give us.

Holy patience can be a true gift as we move through this world. Sometimes, it seems like God is taking a long time to answer our prayers, and we can start to get impatient. But it is important to remember that God is always working, even when we don't see it. Holy Saturday reminds us that God is always doing two things at once: sitting with us in the pain of death, and opening the door to new life.

If patience is an area where you struggle, consider making a point of setting aside some prayer time to ask God to help you grow in this way. You'll certainly have company in that prayer, not just from me, but from great saints of the past. Holy patience is not always easy, but it is worth it. When we are patient, we are able to trust God's timing and God's plans. We are able to experience God's peace and God's joy, even in the midst of difficult times.

Here are some practical tips for cultivating holy patience:

- **Pray for it.** As mentioned above, holy patience is a gift from God. Ask God to give you the patience you need to persevere through difficult times.
- **Meditate on God's promises.** When you're feeling impatient, take some time to reflect on God's promises to you. God has promised to never leave you or forsake you, and scripture tells us that God works all things together for good for those who love God.
- **Focus on the present moment.** When you're feeling impatient, it's easy to get caught up in worrying about the future or dwelling on the past. Instead, try to focus on the present moment. What can you do right now to make the situation better?
- **Be grateful for what you have.** When you're feeling impatient, it's also easy to focus on what you don't have. Instead, try to be grateful for what you do have. This will help you to shift your perspective and appreciate the good things in your life.
- **Take a break.** If you're feeling overwhelmed or impatient, sometimes the best thing you can do is take a break. Go for a walk, listen to some music, or have a conversation with a trusted friend.

Holy patience is a journey, not a destination. It's something that we will all continue to grow in as we mature in our faith. But it's a journey that is worth taking, because it will help us to experience the peace and joy that God has for us, even in the midst of difficult times.

Peace,

Pastor David

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¹²**There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.**

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Acts 4:12

The website address for Christ Lutheran Church is:

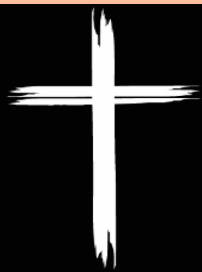
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April 6th

**Shadows Before
the Cross**

Noon - Online
7:00 Sanctuary



April 7th

Good Friday

Noon -
Community
Worship
@ St. Paul
United Methodist



April 8th

Easter Vigil

5:00
Saturday Night
Alive Worship



April 9th

Easter

7:00 - Playlist
9:30 - Sanctuary
10:45 Brunch

SHADOWS *Before the Cross*



APRIL 6TH - 7PM

225 E. ELM AVE - MONROE, MI

Good Friday

Noon - April 7, 2023
St. Paul's United Methodist

with First Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal,
Christ Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran



Easter Worship

Christ Lutheran Church

April 8th - 5p Easter Vigil

April 9th - 9:30a Easter Worship

April 9th - 11a Easter Breakfast



News from around the church



Help make our church beautiful for Easter! Consider loaning a spring flower of your choice for Easter Sunday, April 9th. Simply drop off your flower no later than April 8th in the Narthex - don't forget to put your name on it. I will be setting up on Saturday. Any questions feel free to call me at 734-658-3455.

Laura Matthews



Scripture Readers

Thanks to Carol Miller for organizing!

April 2 Ben Garman
 April 9 Patrick Lewis
 April 16 Hope Link
 April 23 Carolyn Gardetto
 April 30 Patrick Lewis

Ushers

Thanks to Patrick Lewis for organizing!

April 2 Geof Oetjens
 April 6 Jim Jackel-Maundy Thrs.
 April 9 Geof Oetjens
 April 16 Jim Jackel
 April 23 Gary Huepenbecker
 April 30 Patrick Lewis

Assisting Minister

Thanks to Rusty Ward for organizing!

April 2 Rusty Ward
 April 9 Jim Jackel
 April 16 Wayne Butts
 April 23 Renee Merkel
 April 30 Jim Jackel



**Please mark your calendar
 and plan to participate!**
ANNUAL SPRING WORK DAY
9:00 a.m. - noon Saturday, May 6
**A variety of inside and outside
 tasks will be tackled!**



Women's Book Club

April 20th, 1:00 pm
at Polly's



CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary Operating Statement

	<u>February 2023</u>		<u>YTD 2023</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating income	\$ 8,219	\$ 16,975	\$ 25,214	\$ 33,840
Operating expense	22,249	15,796	41,351	35,310
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(14,030)	\$ 1,179	\$(16,137)	\$ (1,470)

The loss that we have this month is due to 2 things. First is the pantry money that has been donated has been moved out of Current income and into a designated fund. Also the giving for the month was half of what was budgeted to pay bills.

virtual
5K/\$10K
run it. walk it. roll it.
#welcometoall

May 7th at Noon
Christ Lutheran Church
225 E Elm Ave - Monroe, MI



The 5k in support of Living Waters (camp) is back for a third year! If you would like to sponsor someone, or if you'd like to be sponsored, contact Pastor David. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to participate is able to do so.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry has really grown. We have about 25 visits per week. Other than cash donations (which are very important) we always need canned meat. The most popular being Spam, or any brand similar to Spam. Your donations will be very appreciated.



April 8-9

The altar flowers are given by Don & Ann Link, to the glory of God and as a thank offering.

The pulpit bouquet is given by Karen Russell to the glory of God and in celebration of the 94th birthday of her mother, Eleanor.



HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please notify the church office with the details of your new address, **if you have moved, or have a new phone number, or are vacationing for an extended period of time.** This helps save postage on returned mail. All church contact information is found on page one.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

225 East Elm Avenue, Monroe Michigan 48162

Pastor David Hively

Job Title: Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

Position Status: Hourly, part-time employee (averaging 10 hours/week).

Reporting Relationship: The Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator works alongside the Pastor, Church Secretary, and Baptismal Ministry and Youth Committees, but is ultimately accountable to the Church Council.

Job Summary: The Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator will be responsible for planning and executing faith-forming and community-building events for members and friends of Christ Lutheran.

Salary: \$20/hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Benefits: No health, life, or retirement benefits are provided with this position.

Flexibility: This position comes with a large amount of flexibility around when the work is done but will require periodic availability on evenings and weekends.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Work with Baptismal Ministry Committee to plan three events per year that bring together children from birth through kindergarten.
- Work with Youth Committee to plan and execute monthly events for grades K to 5.
- Work with Youth Committee to plan and execute monthly events for grades 6 to 12.
- Work with Youth Committee to plan and execute a Vacation Bible School for 3-year-olds through 5th grade.
- Work with Youth Committee to organize participation in an annual camp experience at Living Waters.
- Develop relationships with the children and youth of the congregation.
- Attend worship at Christ Lutheran at least once a month.
- Report monthly to the church council about the progress of ministries overseen.

Qualifications:

- A passion for youth and children and their faith development.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to handle conflict.
- Recent experience with youth and children in personal or professional settings.
- Successful candidates will pass a background check.

About Christ Lutheran:

We are a Lutheran congregation that is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Christ Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and has an ongoing public commitment to the welcome, inclusion, and participation of all people in our common life. We are based in Monroe, Michigan and have families and students who are a part of Monroe, Airport, Ida, and Woodhaven School Districts as well as Triumph and New Bedford Academies. We have a few dedicated families who have high-school aged children, but a large portion of this work will be done among families with Elementary aged children.

Send resumés to: secretaryonelm@sbcglobal.net