



Christ Lutheran Church

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In 1914 the cotton boll weevil infested Wilcox County, Alabama. These pests, thought to be native to central Mexico slowly made their way northward and would grow to infest nearly every cotton-growing region of the country. The devastation that this infestation caused hardship all across the county. One of the institutions that was hit particularly hard was a school for Black children that Rosa Young had founded at just 22 years old, the Rosebud Literary and Industrial School. The school already faced hardship because its few teachers had to split their time among many schools because a state law at the time gave the government the power to close down any (Black) school that didn't have enough teachers. Rosa began looking around for ways to help keep the school afloat. After being turned away over and over she finally found a listening ear at the Lutheran Synodical Conference (a predecessor organization to the ELCA). The Lutherans agreed to support her school and to pay Young \$20 per month to teach.

Rosa Young became the first known Black convert to Lutheranism in Alabama. Biographer Jeff Johnson described her as, determined, patient, persistent, and pushy in that unique southern manner that was always cloaked in polite, good manners. She was committed to one thing through her life: lifting up Black people in rural Alabama." As was common at the time, a congregation was founded in connection with the school and just three months after it formed this congregation witnessed 58 baptisms and 70 confirmations on Palm Sunday (including Young). As word of this school and congregation began to spread, others were interested in replicating her efforts in their own community. Rosa Young went on to work

with other Lutherans and planted an additional 27 schools and congregations in the next dozen years.



Through her tireless efforts, Rosa Young demonstrated the power of God's love and the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity. Her work serves as a reminder to us all that, with faith in God, we can accomplish great things and make a positive impact in the world. As we honor Rosa Young's legacy, let us remember to rely on God's faithfulness and persevere in our own efforts to serve our community and spread the message of the Gospel. May God continue to bless and guide us in all that we do.

Peace,

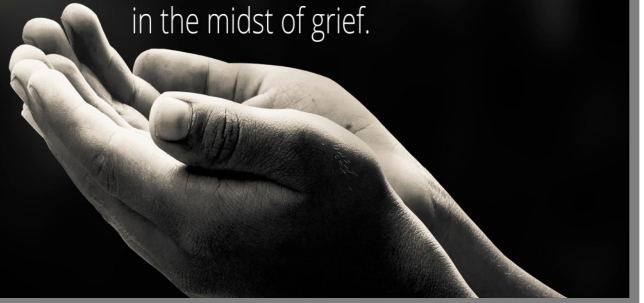
Pastor David



Mid-week Lenten Worship

WEDNESDAYS AT 7P STARTING MARCH 1

Join us this year as we worship with Holden Evening Prayer and look at God's promises of hope and healing in the midst of grief.



Romans 8

Life in the Spirit

⁸There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

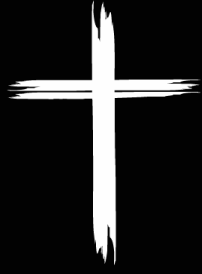




April 6th

**Shadows Before
the Cross**

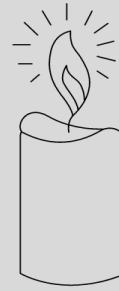
**Noon - Online
7:00 Sanctuary**



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**

We say thank you to Kristen Hause as she steps away from the responsibilities of Youth and Family Ministry coordinator at Christ Lutheran. This spring, Kristen will complete her graphic design program and begin looking for full-time work. As a part of the 2023 budget process Kristen saw that there was a potential for the church to improve its financial outlook for the year if she stepped away at the beginning of January, rather than at the conclusion of her program as she had originally intended. We are grateful to her and her family for this generous gesture.

During this time of transition the youth and family ministry of the congregation will rely on the time and talents of volunteers from the congregation. As we navigate this transition, it is

important to remember that the work of the Church is not done by any one individual, but all of us working together to live out the promises that we made to these young people at their baptisms. I encourage you to be in touch with the council representatives for Youth and Family ministry to see how you help.

Youth & Family Ministry

*A Thank You
and
Invitation*



**The new website address for
Christ Lutheran Church is:**

christmonroe.com

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.

News from around the church



February 4 & 5th...The pulpit bouquet is given by The Altar Guild to the glory of God and in memory of past members.

The cold weather is here. Please consider donating women's, men's & children's socks. Thanks! [ankle length & no-shows are most often requested] Drop your donations off at the church or call: Ann Link 734-243-9396.



Scripture Readers

Thanks to Carol Miller for organizing!

February 5 Don Link

February 12 Ben Garman

February 19 Pat Sargent

February 26 Pat Lewis

Ushers

Thanks to Patrick Lewis for organizing!

February 5 Geof Oetjens

February 12 Mary Jackel

February 19 Gary Huepenbecker

February 26 Patrick Lewis

Assisting Minister

Thanks to Rusty Ward for organizing!

February 5 Wayne Butts

February 12 Jim Jackel

February 19 Rusty Ward

February 26 Renee Merkel



Women's Book Club February 16 @ Dede's 1:00 pm



CURRENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Summary Operating Statement</u>	<u>December 2022</u>		<u>YTD 2022</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating income	\$ 19,085	\$ 18,635	\$ 195,511	\$ 192,092
Operating expense	18,676	15,413	220,215	204,205
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 409	\$ 3,222	\$ (24,704)	\$ (12,113)