

March 25th, 2018

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent Your Son to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10:00 a.m. – Confirmation of our Youth (Musician: Suzanne Anderson)
Hymns: 443, (Choir: "Blessed is He"), I Have Been Bought,
(Choir: 599, "O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"), You Are My All in All,
(Communion: 722, 441, 440, 634), 442

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. If you are visiting and would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion please talk to the pastor before the service. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:

<u>GREETERS:</u>	11 a.m.	Erna McBride Paul Wachs
<u>ELDERS:</u>	9 a.m.	Dave Rapp
	11 a.m.	Garth Goodburn
<u>COFFEE HOUR:</u>	Kathy Kuhl	Sue Honey

PLEASE KEEP Pastor Makey (and Linda) in your prayers as he continues to serve us as vacancy pastor. God Bless you Pastor and Linda as He enables you to work among and with us! **Our next call meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m.**

WELCOME BACK to Pastor Gary & Wendy Kuenzel to celebrate this special day in the life of our confirmands, and thank you so much to Pastor Gary for sharing God's Word with us this Confirmation and Palm Sunday.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily to adorn the altar for our Easter services, maybe as a memorial or in thankfulness, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. (*Names will be printed in the Easter Bulletin.*) Lilies may be taken home after the late service on Easter Sunday.

ANNUAL REPORT: Please start handing in your reports for 2017 to: secretary@christlutheransc.ca
Thank you!

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 1 Pet. 2: 21-24 Wed.: Rev. 1: 5b-7 Friday: Rev. 5: 1-14
Tuesday: 1 Tim. 6: 12-14 Thurs.: 1 Cor. 11: 20-32 Sat.: 1 Pet. 3: 17-22

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday: 6:00 p.m. – Sewing for Haiti **7:30 p.m. – Choir**
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. – SOUL Bible Study at Christian Horizons
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo-Sing-A-Long 7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meeting
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts
 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
Friday: **10:00 a.m. – Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion**
 7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Lutheran Student Fellowship: Monday, March 26, 7pm, Dr. Harold Ristau will be discussing with us the theme of his recent book "My First Exorcism" in the student lounge at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, on the Brock campus. Everyone is welcome to come. Re-arrange your schedule if you can to take in this opportunity to safely delve into the demonic and learn about the defense we have in Christ Jesus. The doors are open to College and University students, Seminary students, and all young adults.

SOUL: If you would like to donate a homemade pie or goodies for the SOUL upcoming Country & Western Fundraiser (to be auctioned) on April 6th, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank You!

ZAP ZONE: Youth and confirmands are invited to Laser Tag Saturday, April 7 at 6 p.m. We will car pool from the church. Friends are welcome to join us! Cost is approx. \$20.

The Annual Meeting of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society will be here held here at Christ Lutheran on **April 8th at 3:30 p.m.** The meeting will be followed by a Soup Supper. All those interested are very welcome to join us. HLMS is also looking for individuals who would serve their Lord by joining the HLMS as a board member. Board members are responsible for attending 4 to 5 meetings yearly on a TBA basis (in St. Catharines). We would like pro-active individuals who are willing to help their fellow man in Haiti. Our organization has been sending two containers of useful articles annually to be distributed in times of floods and hurricanes. We also send financial support to feed the children at the schools at Jubilee and Mixte Nazareth. Please pray about this & indicate if we may place your name on our ballot. *Erna McBride, Secretary HLMS.*

SEMINARY GUILD: A reminder that "Guild Day" is coming up Saturday, April 14th. Registration is \$3.00, optional catered lunch is \$13.00. Registration deadline (mail-in only) is Wednesday, April 4th. If you would like to become a member (\$5/year) and/or would like to attend, please contact Seminary rep. Naomi Hohnberg.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Niagara Area Lutheran Choir Concert here at "Christ". They will be joined by our own Church Choir for a couple numbers. **Sunday, May 6th at 4 p.m.** A light supper to follow. Everyone welcome!

SATURDAY, MAY 26th—Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary's Annual Certification and Call Service to be held here at Christ Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m.

*****SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS INFORMATION*****

Please be advised that there will be **NO Sunday School** the following dates:
Today, Palm Sunday, March 25th (Confirmation Sunday—One Joint Service at 10 a.m.)
Next Sunday, April 1st (Easter Sunday—but please come to our Easter Services, and Easter Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt between Services.

<u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u> (March 18th, 2018) 9 a.m. - 106 11a.m.-50 Total: 156 ('17-)				
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Current:	225,478.00		2,788.60	42,880.24
Missions			523.00	4,082.00
Property Improvement			213.00	1,825.00
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ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT): Going south this Winter?? We still need to keep the bills paid while you are gone. You can help by making you donations via EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) so while you are gone, you can rest assured that your donations continue. Enrolment forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex (entryway). Your donation can be modified or stopped at any time. Please see Heather Simons or Karen McCumber.

A DONATION has been given to SOUL Ministries by Don & Lois Fretz, Frank & Ivy Parkhouse in honour of Alice Marten's 95th Birthday.

Church Organist: Christ Lutheran is currently seeking a music director to play at both our Traditional and Contemporary services. If you are interested, please email your resume to: business.manager@christlutheransc.ca. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION: ***Please Note: A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at www.lhm.org/lent

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic (April 1st) **"They Were Afraid, You Know?"** (Mark 16: 1-8) **Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer** – It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life!

Easter Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 1st



Please join us for our
“Annual Pancake Breakfast” served from
9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Church basement.
Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausages, hot-cross buns,
coffee and orange juice.
Price is a free-will offering

(to enable the Fellowship Committee to cover costs).

As it is the custom for the men of the congregation to do the cooking and serving, we are once again asking the gentlemen to sign below for the time most convenient and place it in the offering basket or in the envelope on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Thank you!



*Gentlemen:
Please Sign below:*

Thank you for volunteering!!!

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. -	_____	_____
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. -	_____	_____
(Clean-up)		
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. -	_____	_____

*Please accept this as your personal
invitation to attend any or all of our:*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

March 25th —10 a.m. Joint Service
with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 29th

7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Worship
(with Holy Communion)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane, Luke 22:39-46”

Friday, March 30th

(No SOUL)

10:00 a.m.—Good Friday Worship
(with Holy Communion)

7:00 p.m.—Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)

Easter Sunday, April 1st

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Easter Pancake Breakfast—Everyone Welcome!



9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

EASTER WORSHIP

(No Sunday School or Bible Class)

ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION

(young and old alike)

are cordially invited to a

****LADIES' HIGH TEA****

on Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

in the fellowship hall.

In the spirit of the evening, you are kindly encouraged to wear a hat. Please know that this is strictly optional, as it's the pleasure of your company and the joy of getting to know you better that we're truly seeking.

Anticipating your positive response, we are looking forward to a great time of faith, fun and fellowship with you.

*The Ladies of Mary Martha Society/
Lutheran Womens Missionary League Canada*

AGENDA

Opening prayer and

Welcome Luncheon

Brief devotion: "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart"

Skit: "Parable of the Trees"

Closing prayer

LUNCHEON MENU

finger sandwiches

homemade scones

pastries

strawberry jam

clotted cream, butter

assorted teas

*The Fellowship Committee invites you to join us
for an Adult Dinner/Theater evening to experience:*

ED'S GARAGE

An amiable comedy where folk wisdom meets academia.

Ed is a former farmer who knows not only how to fix cars but how to fix people; talents that he's picked up here and there. His garage functions as Port Petunia's Community Centre, gossip exchange and healing spa. Amusing complications arise when Cassandra, an urban psychotherapist, sets up private practice in a cottage next door to Ed's garage...

Garrison Little Theater

Italo Canadian Club, 1101 Dipietro St., Fort Erie

Saturday, April 21st at 6:30 pm — Tickets: \$45

DOORS OPEN at 6:00 — DINNER starts at 6:30 sharp



MENU: Maria's Catering presents salad, home-made pizza bread, pasta with meatballs and sausage, chicken with roasted potatoes and vegetables, dessert with coffee or tea.

****Please advise if you require a vegetarian meal.***

BAR: Beer, wine, coolers, soft drinks and water are available.

CASH ONLY (no ATM available)

****Twenty (20) tickets are available for this event.
Please purchase from Tim Reck or Marge Stark****

SOUL MINISTRIES

Christ Lutheran Church

140 Russell Ave., St. Catharines 905-685-8294

Presents their First:



**Country & Western
Dinner Jamboree**

With Live Music by:

 ****The Country SOUL Singers**** 

Friday, April 6th -- 6 to 8:00 p.m.

****Doors Open at 5:30 & Dinner served at 6 p.m.****



*Tickets are:
\$15 each and can be
Purchased in advance
any SOUL Staff.*

Also available from Office.



from

Tickets include: Dinner of Pulled Pork,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Coffee, Tea and Dessert!

Pop is \$1.00.

**Auction for "Homemade Pies & Goodies" & Silent Auction
(with lots of donated items)!**

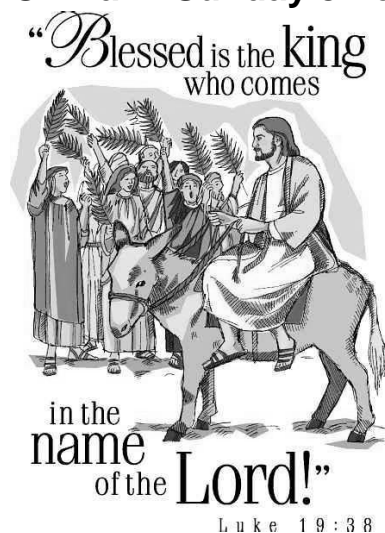


Hope you can join us for some

Heehaw Eatin, Dancin, Music Honkin Fun !!



On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into



Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

Jesus traveled to Jerusalem knowing that this journey would end in His sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of all mankind. Before he entered the city, he sent two disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage to look for an unbroken colt:

As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it'" (Luke 19:29-31, NIV)

The men brought the colt to Jesus and placed their cloaks on its back. As Jesus sat on the young donkey he slowly made his humble entrance into Jerusalem. The people greeted Jesus enthusiastically, waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches:

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9, NIV)

The shouts of "Hosanna" meant "save now," and the palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. Interestingly, at the end of the Bible, people will wave palm branches once again to praise and honor Jesus Christ:

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9, NIV)

On Palm Sunday, the celebration quickly spread throughout the whole city. People even threw down their cloaks on the path where Jesus rode as an act of homage and submission. They recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah from Zechariah 9:9: Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he began his journey to the cross.

biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19.

Bible References: *The Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11;*

Niagara Area Lutheran Choir *in Concert*

*(joined by the
Christ Lutheran Church Choir
for several numbers)*

Sunday, May 6th

4:00 p.m.

at

**Christ Lutheran Church
140 Russell Avenue, St. Catharines**



**** A Light Supper will Follow ****

Please Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!