

April 15th, 2018

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## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. – 12 noon

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC](http://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send to [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca).

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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## **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Prayer:** O Almighty and Eternal God, now that You have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9:00 a.m. -** Contemporary Service (*Musician: Louise Gondosch*)  
Hymns: Above All, Be Glorified/Lord be Glorified, Behold What Manner of Love/Bind Us Together, Forever

**10:00 a.m. –** Sunday School, CHAT, Bible Study, Coffee

**11:00 a.m. –** DS1 Traditional (*Musician: Jennifer Page*)

Hymns: 482, 490, 477

**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. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

### **WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**GREETERS:** 11 a.m. Tom & Mary Saxton

**ELDERS:** 9 a.m. John Gondosch

11 a.m. Glenn Pink

**COFFEE HOUR:** Fran Porteous Judy Slingerland

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Andy & Bette Vasko and family in loving memory of Mary Vasko; and in loving memory of Susan Moskaluk by her family.

**WE WELCOME AND THANK** Pastor Joe Das who will be preaching and leading today's worship. God bless you!

**PLEASE KEEP** Pastor Makey (and Linda) in your prayers as he continues to serve us as vacancy pastor. We thank God that He has blessed us with such a compassionate shepherd. 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 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

*(Heavenly Father you are the giver of all good gifts. Thank you that you have been with us throughout this vacancy. We pray that you would prepare our hearts and minds to call the Pastor, YOU would have us call. Give us wisdom, patience, and understanding. If it be Your will, that he would come and serve your people here, help us to realize change is a part of growth. Continue to shape and mould us as a congregation, to be effective in reaching out to others. In Jesus Name, Amen)*

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Eph. 4: 17-24      Wed.: 1 John 4: 7-14      Friday: 11 Cor. 5: 16-21  
Tuesday: Eph. 4: 25-32      Thurs.: Acts 17: 22-23      Sat.: Rom. 1: 18-25

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Today: 3:00 p.m. – Latvians Worship  
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  
6:00 p.m. – “Ladies High Tea”—All Ladies of the congregation are welcome!  
7:00 p.m. – Mary Martha Meeting  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo-Sing-A-Long    7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meeting  
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts    7:30 p.m. – Band Practice  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL)  
7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study  
Saturday: 6:30 p.m. – Dinner/Theatre at Garrison Little Theater

**LUTHER MANOR BIBLE STUDY:** Please note that the last Luther Manor Bible Study class will be held on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> until September.

**EDLYA:** All Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a Retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fisherville May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>. Topic: The Occult—A Christian Perspective. For more information contact Hamilton’s EDLYA rep Erika Schroth-Gajdos at [erikaes12@gmail.com](mailto:erikaes12@gmail.com). To register: [www.edlya.ca](http://www.edlya.ca)

**Niagara Area Lutheran Choir Concert here at "Christ".** They will be joined by our own Church Choir for a couple numbers. **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** A light supper to follow. Everyone welcome! (*see enclosed flyer*)

**Don't Miss The Upcoming Special Circuit Meetings:** As a result of the decision taken at the Synodical Convention in October 2017 regarding restructuring of Synod, it is necessary to amend the bylaws of the East District Corporation. A series of circuit meetings has been arranged in order to explain the changes being proposed to the bylaws and to get comments from members. The circuit meetings are open to everyone. In particular, pastors and congregation delegates should make a point of attending these meetings, as they will be required to vote on acceptance of the bylaw changes as part of the October 2018 District Convention. A summary document plus the draft bylaw, including explanatory notes, are posted on the district web site. It would be beneficial for attendees to the circuit meetings to bring a copy of the 2015 District Handbook for reference purposes and/or to download the information from the website. If you are not able to attend the circuit meeting in your area, you are free to attend an alternate one.

For more information, contact: East District Board Chairman, Reg Tiegs at [tiehm868@gmail.com](mailto:tiehm868@gmail.com)

***Niagara & Hamilton Circuits -- Saturday May 12 - 9:30 A.M.***

***Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 448 Main St. W., Grimsby 905-945-8931***

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

**Concordia Seminary’s Annual Golf Tournament** is Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Sawmill Golf Course in Fenwick, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The \$110 registration fee includes BBQ lunch (sausages, hamburgers, hotdogs & a non alcoholic beverage), green fees, golf cart, chicken/rib combo dinner, dessert & prizes. (Registration forms are at back of church). If you would like to make a donation to the

prize table, please take it to the Seminary by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need your prize donation picked up, please contact Linda Lantz at 905-688-2362, ext. 22 (concordia@brocku.ca). Also needed for the tournament are committee members.

**Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kitchener and Rev. Perry Hart** are hosting a **"Forging Armour Conference"** for ages 12 - 100 on **May 26** (9:00 am – 3:30 pm). The Conference speaker, Rev. Charles St-Onge, is a frequent guest of "Issues, Etc." ([www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)) and will be talking on, **"Speaking Scientifically and Believing the Bible: thoughts from an Engineer–Sci-fi–Pastor."** This apologetics (making a defence for the faith we have) conference will speak to how one can appreciate science while loving the Bible, with themes from Rev. St-Onge's Concordia Publishing book of the same topic. The \$25 cost per person covers all expenses for the day, including food and all sessions. *Space is limited to 200 attendees.* Register online at <http://forgingarmour.com> and click on "Conference" or contact Rev. Perry Hart at 519-742-1589 ext. 202 or [admin@forgingarmour.com](mailto:admin@forgingarmour.com) for more information and/or to receive a registration packet. RSVP Deadline is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

<b><u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u> (April 8, 2018)</b>					
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Need</u></b>	<b><u>Last Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Year To Date</u></b>	<b><u>+ / (-)</u></b>
Current:	225,478.00	4,336.12	2,873.75	63,630.33	2,924.71
Missions	25,000.00	480.77	528.00	6,168.50	(562.27)
Property Improvement			133.00	9,549.63	

**A MEMORIAL DONATION** has been given to SOUL Ministries in honour of Helen Stark's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Don & Lois Fretz.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to support our SOUL Country Western Jamboree last Friday. We raised \$2,079. Special thanks to Judy Mason and Richard Fitzgerald and everyone else who came out to make the evening such a success!!

**FLOWERS:** If you are interested in purchasing flowers to place on the altar for our Sunday Worship, please sign up in the Narthex and be sure to add, if you would like it to be in memory or thankfulness of someone special.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Please start handing in your reports for 2017 to: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca)  
Thank you!

**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](mailto:business.manager@christlutheransc.ca). Thank you!

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS—Facebook:** We have over 100 followers on Facebook! If you do not yet "Like" our Facebook page, please consider doing so. Many of our members continue to share our community events with friends on their Facebook walls. This has been a great help in spreading the word about what is happening at Christ Lutheran. Also, if you indicate that you are "Going" or "Interested" in one of our events, this action will show up in your friends' feed; again sharing with others what we are doing. Thanks for your support in this!  
Email: [lisa\\_thiessen@yahoo.ca](mailto:lisa_thiessen@yahoo.ca) Subject Line: Christ Lutheran Facebook

**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](http://www.lhm.org/lent)**

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—[www.lhmcanada.org](http://www.lhmcanada.org)  
**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR,** Sundays on CHAM 820 at **8:00 a.m.** Next Sunday's topic (April 22nd) **"What's in a Name?"** (Acts 1: 42) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus— We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us

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## When we grieve

APRIL 10, 2018 by Darren Dressler



You don't need to be a hockey fan, have children, or be from Humboldt, Saskatchewan to have been deeply touched by the injuries and deaths from Friday's terrible bus crash. We lament the loss of young lives we had hoped would flourish for many more years. We are saddened as we ponder the many people who now have to come to terms with such a tragic loss. This horrific event has touched our entire nation as people from coast-to-coast have spent the last few days viewing the images of the crash site, reading the news reports, and watching Sunday's Vigil. Events like this confront us with the reminder of how fragile and unpredictable life can be, and of how suddenly death can arrive. But they do even more than this. They threaten our sense of safety and security. We may lose trust in others who we thought would keep us safe. They can threaten our faith that God will provide safety and security for our own children and others whom we love. We grieve because of the loss of life, safety, security, and trust. Grief, simply put, is what we experience whenever something we value is harmed or taken away. Grief is anchored in love, not logic. It is connected to our ability to love and care for people and things. So, grief is not an illness but a natural and healthy response to injury; it shows we are able to love and that we continue to love. And grief touches more than just emotions. It also affects our thinking, our bodies, our relationships, and our spirituality. Thankfully, we can integrate our grief into our lives so we not only cope, but heal. This happens as we receive the safety and support of others allowing us to authentically mourn; to give expression to all the things going on inside of us as we try to come to terms with this new reality. Real strength in the face of tragedy is not bottling it up, but having the courage to let things out. It will take time to authentically let everything out as both we and the survivors process all that has happened. The sudden and horrific crash makes this complicated. The loss of young lives makes this complicated. The high number of victims makes this complicated.

***Together we have been injured, and together we will heal.*** In the face of this, how will we find healing? Together. Together we have been injured, and together we will heal. We will do it together as congregations and as communities and as the Church. Rituals and ceremonies are important parts of coming together. Prayer vigils offer opportunities to be together, pray together, grieve together, and heal together. Candlelight vigils can bring together people from across the community to acknowledge the shared hurt, the shared loss, and the shared need for healing. Memorials and funerals, similarly, give us a designated time to gather to acknowledge the reality of all the losses, to recall the many lives lost, to give expression to our grief, to seek support, and to contemplate our lives. All these events can help us wake up to life—to consider deeply why and how we live, what it means to be Christians in this time and place, and how we wish to live meaningfully and purposefully going forward. Beyond these, the Church can create the room for people to talk about this event, to consider life and death generally, and to reflect on this specific tragedy. We can do this in our regular events, or by creating special gatherings. This is not just for our own members, but for the people around us who are also trying to process what occurred. There are, and will be, many questions about God, tragedies, heaven, hope, and healing. We do well to give people the freedom to ask these questions, ponder them, and know that not all of them are easily answerable, if at all. Finally, while we know in our brains that events like this can and do happen in our world, it touches our hearts when they happen close to us. As a result, what we are forced to begin is not a thinking journey, but a spiritual journey. We are on this spiritual journey together as a nation. May we, as the Church, be "little Christs" to our neighbours who need us so much right now, bringing some light in the midst of darkness.

*Rev. Darren Dressler is pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Airdrie, Alberta. He has a specialist certification in grief counselling.*

## **ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION**

(young and old alike)

*are cordially invited to a*

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

**This coming 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

HELP SUPPORT  
**SOUL Ministries**  
at our Spring  
**PLANT SALE / YARD SALE / BBQ**



**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

at

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



**\*\*Special Thanks go to FaithLife Financial for their  
matching Grant of \$300.00\*\***

# Niagara Area Lutheran Choir *in Concert*

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

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 p.m.**

at

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



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

**Please Join Us! Everyone is Welcome!**