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All are welcome...
...no really!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10AM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9:00am to 2:00pm

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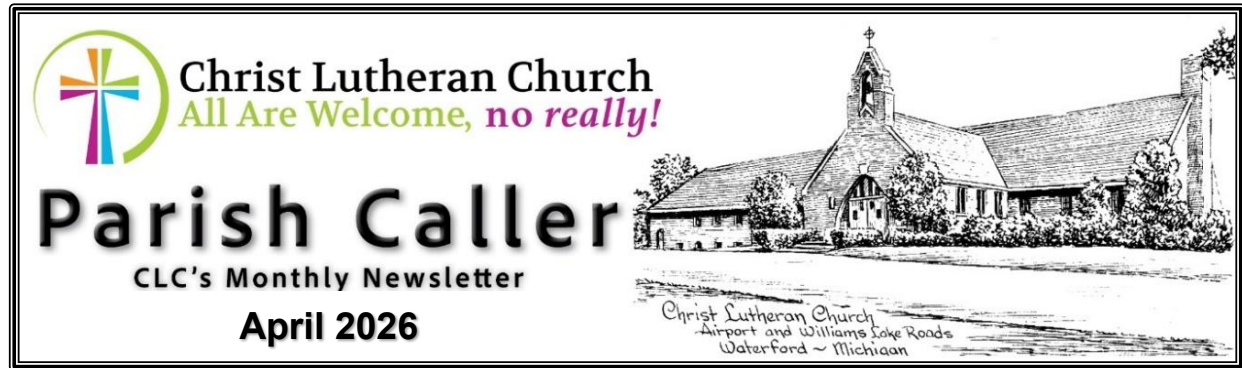
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Where Love Makes Space... for Resurrection

Dear Church, There is something electric in the air right now. Can you feel it? Not just because Easter is coming-or even because Easter has come-but because something deeper is happening. The Spirit is moving. Quietly in some places, boldly in hers... but unmistakably, God is on the move among us.

And that is what Easter is. Not just a day. Not just a story we remember. But a *movement of God* that is still unfolding-right here, right now. Because Easter means this: The tomb is still empty. Death does not get the final word. And whatever felt finished... God is not finished with. That is the good news we are living in this season. And here's where it meets us, as a church, in our theme: **Where Love Makes Space.**

Because resurrection always requires space. And maybe that's where Easter begins for us, too. Not with having it all together... but with making space. Space by laying things down. By releasing what we were never meant to carry in the first place. Emptying ourselves of what has been weighing us down-the shame that whispers we're not enough, the guilt that keeps dragging us back into the past, the anger we haven't known how to let go of, the resentment that's quietly taken root, the need to control what was never ours to hold, the indifference that has slowly numbed our hearts.

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Not because we can fix ourselves-but because God is already at work within us. And when we begin to loosen our grip...even just a little...we make room. Room for grace to meet us where we are. Room for love to soften what has hardened.

Room for peace to settle into anxious places. Room for joy to rise again where it once felt impossible. This is how resurrection begins in us.

Because if we're honest...we all carry places in our lives that feel *finished*-a relationship that broke and never healed, a door that closed that you cannot reopen, a dream that did not turn out the way you hoped, a loss that changed everything, a part of yourself that feels buried under exhaustion, grief, or shame.

Those places can feel sealed shut. Like a stone has been rolled in front of them. Like nothing new could possibly come from what has already been buried. But Easter says otherwise. . Because the same power that rolled the stone away from the tomb of Jesus...is still at work.

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In Our Prayers

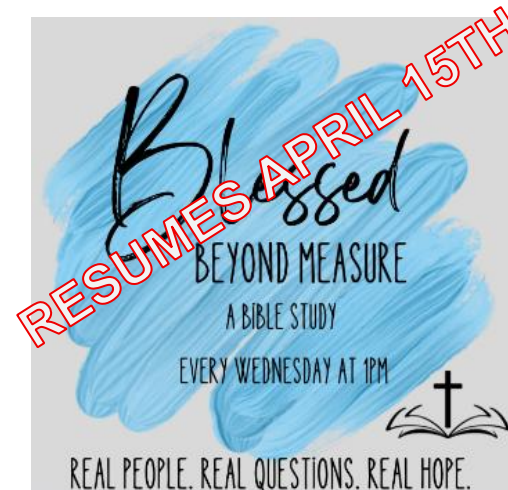
Members lifted in prayer, Chuck Roller, Annie Chachich, Joan Dort, Cindy Edwards, Steve Fante, Dale Folsom, Robin Hansen, Barbara Harris, The Hess Family, Carol Hollis, Fred Jones, Nadine Keway, Pat Kinnison, Jane Madsen, Andy Nestor, Lynn Norton, Butch Reddeman, Ashley Wichtman, Rita Zettel, Sarah Apigian, Lisa Head, Jerry Scrivo, Roger Newman.

Our Armed Service and support personnel: Aaron Butora; Cole Nichols (Fred & Jill Jones), Kurtis Barney (Terry Young), Logan Head (Lisa Head).

Gerry's Shoutouts!

To the Chilli cookoff hostess's Kris and Nicole that saw 60 guests enjoy 14 different pots of chilli while raising over 500 dollars for charity, Great evening Ladies, and see you soon at church,

Gerry



Upcoming Events

Weekly Bible Wednesday's at 1pm
Resumes April 15th

WELCA Meeting Sunday April 12th,
11:30am

Grief & Loss Support Group
Monday's April 13th & 27th
6:45pm

Noisy Offering is Sunday, March 19th. This month offering goes to Walk for Warmth

Men's Food & Fellowship
will meet Monday, April 27th
6:30pm

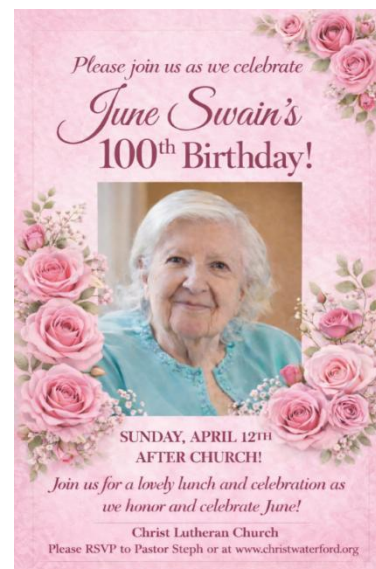
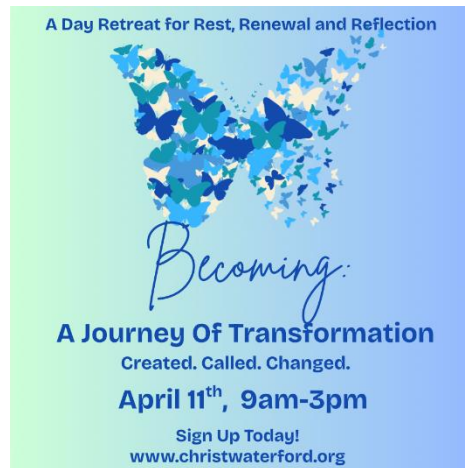


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And here is the truth we hold onto: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Christ is alive. And because He lives-the tombs in our own lives do not stay sealed. Despair does not get the final word. Shame does not get the final word. Death does not get the final word. Love does. Life does. Jesus does. And because He lives-so does hope. So does new life. So do we.

CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

Thanks be to God, Amen.
God's Peace, Pastor Steph



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The tomb of despair-rolled away. The tomb of shame-rolled away. The tomb of "it's too late"-rolled away. The tomb of "this could never change"—rolled away.

Not because we forced it open. Not because we figured it all out. But because *He lives*. And because He lives, nothing is beyond redemption. Because He lives, no story is truly over. Because He lives, resurrection is not a distant promise-it is a present reality breaking in. This is what it means to be an Easter people. Not just one Sunday a year-but every single day.

We are people who carry resurrection into ordinary moments. People who believe that God is still bringing life out of death. People who trust that even now, the Spirit is stirring, awakening, renewing. We are not just remembering resurrection.

We are *living it*. We see it in new faces walking through our doors. We see it in conversations that create belonging. We see it in healing that is beginning sometimes slowly, sometimes suddenly. We see it in courage rising up where fear used to live. That is the Spirit at work. And there is something in us that wants to respond. Something that wants to say: "Yes, God-do it again." "Yes, God-do it here." "Yes, God-do it in me." Because Easter is not passive. Easter is an invitation.

An invitation to step into the life God is offering. An invitation to trust that love is stronger than anything we carry. An invitation to believe that resurrection is not just possible-it is already happening. So this April, we don't just move on from Easter. We *live into it*. We make space for it. We open our hearts a little wider.

We release what we've been holding. We lean into the Spirit's movement-even when we don't fully understand it. Because this is who we are: A place where love makes space...for healing, for belonging, for transformation, and yes... for resurrection.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good News

We receive good news in many ways. Good news from the doctor, a good grade on an exam, a call from a family member or friend, finding money in your clothes on laundry day, having the car ahead of you pay for your order in the drive through, or waking up and finding your driveway or sidewalk cleared after it snows. We can be good news people. We can respond to a neighbor's need and pay it forward. Being a good news person does not need to take a lot of effort or planning. It can simply be greeting a stranger in church with a smile and introducing yourself, calling someone you have not spoken to in a while to see how they are doing – and really care, or use that extra money you found in the laundry to pay for the order behind you in the drive through.

Charlie



Save the dates!!

New church directory is coming this year. Photography dates are Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19. Details on how to schedule your photography time are coming next week! If you are interested in helping with the directory, please contact Kerri Kinneberg.

April Birthdays

- 4/3 Linda Greiser
- 4/3 Paula Corrin
- 4/4 Diane Newman
- 4/5 Summer Findley
- 4/6 William Sobczak
- 4/8 June Swain
- 4/12 Larry Miller
- 4/15 Deanna Mitchell
- 4/20 Bill Meyer
- 4/29 Ann Rogers



April Anniversaries

- 4/4 George & Charlotte Leinonen
- 4/16 Bob & Barb Harris
- 4/18 Pr. Steph Newman
& Kim Harris
- 4/21 Steve & Marsha Fante
- 4/28 Guy & Jill Nancekivell
- 4/28 Lee & Marie Stader

WORSHIP SERVANTS

If you cannot be there on your scheduled day, please switch with someone or find a substitute and let the church office know of the change.

Lay Assistants

- 4/5 8 am
- 4/5 10:30am – Edelyn Rose
- 4/12 – Donna Butora
- 4/19 – Stephanie Radtke
- 4/26 – Mike Mitchell
- 5/3 – Edelyn Rose

Ushers

- 4/5 [Easter Schedule will be posted online 4/6](#)
- 4/12 – Elisabete Nestor, Norm Kinnison, Gerry Cleasby, Christopher Nestor
- 4/19 Todd Cooper, Gerry Cleasby, Vicki Hill, Catherine Roller
- 4/26 Jacen Schnitzer, Jim Austin, Julie Zarembo, Anna Findley
- 5/3 Norm Kinnison, Jill Jones, Todd Cooper, Gerry Cleasby

Counters for April

- Ron Goetze - Head Counter
- Kris Goetze, Diane Harris, Julie Zarembo

Greeters

- 4/5 [Easter Schedule will be posted online 4/6](#)
- 4/12 - Linda Jensen, Carol Scrivo, Linda Martin
- 4/19 - Ron & Kris Goetze, Roland Jakel, Linda Martin
- 4/26 - Diane Harris, Linda Jensen, Jill Jacobson
- 5/3- Linda Martin, Elisabete Nestor, Anna Findley, Cathy Roller

Coffee Hour

- 4/5 – Pancake Breakfast!!!!
- 4/12 – Council Team 2, Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach, Hayleigh Baptista, Cindy Edwards, Lisa Kargol-Stephens
- 4/19 – WELCA
- 4/29 – Doug & Melanie Keisman
- 5/3 – Geri Moritz & Co.

Altar Team for April

- Paula Corrin
- Nicole & Brandon Middleton
- Jo Naylor

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Tech Team April 2026

4/5 Easter schedule will be posted online 4/6

4/12

Switcher: Krystal Edwards
Projection: Tara Ondusky
Sound Up: Edelyn Rose
Cameras: Emmet Morse
Tracey Barney

4/19

Switcher: Edelyn Rose
Projection: Kim Harris
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Brian Domain
Julia Hanneman-
Schoenbach

4/26

Switcher: Edelyn Rose
Projection: Tara Ondusky
Sound Up: Charlie Moritz
Cameras: Brian Domain
Tracey Barney

5/3

Switcher: Ole Anderson
Projection: Kerri Kinniberg
Sound Up: Edelyn Rose
Cameras: Kim Harris
Emmet Morse

Communion Assistants

4/5 Easter schedule will be posted online 4/6

4/12 - Julie Hanneman Schoenbach
Stephen Cooperrider, Cindy Edwards

4/19 – Marsha Fanta, Phyllis Folsom,
Linda Greiser

4/26 – Hanne & Riane Forbing,
Stephen Cooperrider

5/3 - Vickie Hill, Joan Kossman,
Donna Butora

Join Our Tech Team!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to our church?

We need YOU to help us enhance our services by joining the Tech Team!

No skills or experience? No problem! We will provide all the training you need.

Your support will help us create a welcoming and engaging environment for our congregation. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and make a difference! ***Interested?*** Please contact the office for more details or to sign up.

Community Dinner Dates 2026

April 25th

August 8th

November 25th

All dinner times are
5-7pm

We are delighted to help you!

If you have a church office request, please send it by email to office@christwaterford.org or by calling the church office during regular hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM. These are the best ways for us to receive and respond to requests, so please avoid contacting staff through personal phones or emails, social media, or by asking staff and volunteers or in person, *those messages cannot be processed.*

If you leave a voicemail, please share your name, phone number, and a short description of your request.

Thank you for your patience and for helping us serve one another with Christ's love. Many blessings to you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS VBS IS COMING

Planning has started and we are looking forward to warmer weather and our summer VBS program. We wanted to get on your calendars - hoping you will join us for VBS this year the last week of July (26th - 31st exact dates to be determined). As in the past years - **All Are Welcome!** The program will be in the evening with a light supper from 5:30pm - 6:00pm, followed by the VBS program from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Please mark your calendars and let friends, family and neighbors know.

Watch for registration and more information to come.

HELPERS NEEDED - please consider volunteering. If available and interested please contact Pat Scott at PScott6451@gmail.com
Thank you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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April 2026

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12 10am Service 2nd Sunday Easter WELCA Meeting June Swain 100th Birthday Party	13 6:45 Grief & Loss Support Group 7pm Scouts	14 7pm MS Support Group	15 1pm Bible Study 6:45pm SCSA 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	16 9am Quilting Group Yoga 11am-12:30pm TOPS 5-6pm	17	18 Funeral- Donald Stein 8pm AA
19 10am Service 3rd Sunday Easter Noisy Offering Mutual Ministry meeting after service	20 6pm Fueling Kids Future Bingo Fundraiser 6:45pm ALS Support Group 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	21	22 1pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir 8pm AA	23 9am Quilting Group Yoga 11am-12:30pm TOPS 5-6pm	24	25 5pm Community Dinner 8pm AA
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