

The Bridge



April 2018

Christ the Lord Lutheran Church (CTL)

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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Monday: Office closed

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These are the regularly scheduled hours for Peggy.

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May Bridge deadline – Mon., Apr. 16, 2018

Send items to **Karin K** at bridge@ctlelgin.org or leave in mailbox on the top of the mail slots outside the church office.

We are centered in Christ and reach out to care.

We proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We equip and teach for spiritual growth.

We worship passionately.

We minister to the physical and spiritual needs of others.

We discern and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We invite and involve others with a welcoming heart.

BULLETIN BOARD

Let's help him celebrate by sending cards--maybe we can even send 100 cards!

Please send a card to Roland "Joe" Josephson
@Presence Pine View
611 Allen Lane
St. Charles, IL 60174

Questions...contact **Dale B** @ 847-695-8157. Thank you for joining in the fun! "Joe" is turning 100 years young on **April 17th !!!**

You're Invited! Help celebrate **Arlyn T's** 75th birthday!

What? Birthday Open House

When? April 21st anytime from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Where? CTL

Gifts? No gifts please! Cards and well wishes gladly accepted!

PLEASE RSVP to Jeanne PRPL8y@hotmail.com

or

224-535-9261 by April 14th

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COME ONE COME ALL

Sunday, April 1

8 – 9am
Hop on Over!
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 1

9:30 – 10:30am
Worship/Communion
CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1

10:30 – 11:30am
Choir Rehearsal
CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 1

4 – 5pm
Bridge Group
Offsite

Monday, April 2

9 – 10am
Coffee with Friends - Panera
Bread (Route 31 in West
Dundee)
Panera Bread - Route 31 in
West Dundee

Monday, April 2

11:30am – 12:30pm
Social Ministry
CTL Library

Monday, April 2

7 – 8pm
CCC Group
CTL Library

Tuesday, April 3

8:30 – 9:30am
Prayer Group
CTL Library

Tuesday, April 3

9am – 12pm
Needles & Pins
CTL Fellowship

Tuesday, April 3

7 – 8pm
Bible & Brew
The Village Squire, 125
Washington St, West
Dundee, IL 60118

Wednesday, April 4

10 – 11am
Bible Study
CTL Library

Wednesday, April 4

12 – 1pm
AA Meeting
CTL Library

Wednesday, April 4

7 – 8pm

Bells

Sanctuary

Friday, April 6

9 – 10am

Coffee with Friends - Rubi-os
Cafe (Larkin Ave in Elgin)
Rubi-os Cafe - Larkin Ave in
Elgin

Saturday, April 7

8 – 9am

Bound & Ungagged
Colonial Cafe & Ice Cream

Sunday, April 8

9:30 – 10:30am

Worship/Communion
CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 8

10:30 – 11:30am

Choir Rehearsal
CTL Sanctuary

Monday, April 9

9 – 10am

Coffee with Friends - Panera
Bread (Route 31 in West
Dundee)

Monday, April 9

7 – 8pm

CCC Group
CTL Library

Monday, April 9

7 – 8pm

Cub Scouts (Den)
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 10

8:30 – 9:30am

Prayer Group
CTL Library

Tuesday, April 10

9am – 12pm

Needles & Pins
CTL Fellowship

Tuesday, April 10

7 – 8pm

Bible & Brew
The Village Squire, 125
Washington St, West
Dundee, IL 60118

Wednesday, April 11

10 – 11am

Bible Study
CTL Library

Wednesday, April 11

12 – 1pm
AA Meeting
CTL Library

Wednesday, April 11

7 – 8pm
Bells
Sanctuary

Thursday, April 12

5:30 – 6:30pm
Mutual Ministry
CTL Library

Friday, April 13

9 – 10am
Coffee with Friends - Rubi-os
Cafe (Larkin Ave in Elgin)

Saturday, April 14

8:45 – 9:45am
E-Team
CTL Library

Sunday, April 15

9:30 – 10:30am
Worship/Communion
CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 15

10:30 – 11:30am
Choir Rehearsal
CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 15

1 – 6pm
TBA
CTL Sanctuary and
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 15

4 – 5pm
Bridge Group
Offsite Location

Monday, April 16

9 – 10am
Coffee with Friends - Panera
Bread (Route 31 in West
Dundee)
Panera Bread - Route 31 in
West Dundee

Monday, April 16

7 – 9pm
Cub Scouts (Committee)
Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 16

7 – 8pm
CCC Group
CTL Library

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 – 9:30am

Prayer Group

CTL Library

Tuesday, April 17

10am – 2pm

Quilts of Valor

CTL Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 17

7 – 8pm

Bible & Brew

The Village Squire, 125

Washington St, West

Dundee, IL 60118

Wednesday, April 18

10 – 11am

Bible Study

CTL Library

Wednesday, April 18

12 – 1pm

AA Meeting

CTL Library

Wednesday, April 18

7 – 8pm

Bells

Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19

6:30 – 7:30am

Vineyard Breakfast

Vineyard Church of Elgin

Thursday, April 19

7 – 9pm

Council

CTL Library

Thursday, April 19

7 – 8pm

Sewing Guild

CTL Fellowship

Friday, April 20

8:30am – 5pm

Deadline for Bridge

Friday, April 20

9 – 10am

Coffee with Friends - Rubi-os

Cafe (Larkin Ave in Elgin)

Rubi-os Cafe - Larkin Ave in

Elgin

Friday, April 20

7:02 – 9:02pm

Faith Sharing Evening Group

Home of Judy Fishburn

Saturday, April 21

9:30 – 10:30am

WMA

CTL Library

Saturday, April 21

12 – 5pm

Arlyn's 75th Birthday Party

CTL Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 22

9:30 – 10:30am

Worship/Communion

CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 22

10:30 – 11:30am

Choir Rehearsal

CTL Sanctuary

Monday, April 23

9 – 10am

Coffee with Friends - Panera

Bread (Route 31 in West

Dundee)

Panera Bread - Route 31 in

West Dundee

Monday, April 23

7 – 8pm

CCC Group

CTL Library

Monday, April 23

7 – 8pm

Cub Scouts (Den)

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 24

8:30 – 9:30am

Prayer Group

CTL Library

Tuesday, April 24

9am – 12pm

Needles & Pins

CTL Fellowship

Tuesday, April 24

7 – 8pm

Bible & Brew

The Village Squire, 125

Washington St, West

Dundee, IL 60118

Wednesday, April 25

10 – 11am

Bible Study

CTL Library

Wednesday, April 25

12 – 1pm

AA Meeting

CTL Library

Wednesday, April 25

7 – 8pm

Bells

Sanctuary

Friday, April 27

9 – 10am

Coffee with Friends - Rubi-os
Cafe (Larkin Ave in Elgin)

Rubi-os Cafe - Larkin Ave in
Elgin

Saturday, April 28

7am – 4pm

TENTATIVE - Heritage

Portrait Studio (Dance

School Photos)

Fellowship Hall, CTL Library

Sunday, April 29

9:30 – 10:30am

Worship/Communion

CTL Sanctuary

Sunday, April 29

10:30 – 11:30am

Choir Rehearsal

CTL Sanctuary

Monday, April 30

9 – 10am

Coffee with Friends - Panera
Bread (Route 31 in West
Dundee)

Panera Bread - Route 31 in
West Dundee

Monday, April 30

7 – 8pm

CCC Group

CTL Library

WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:00 a.m. Education Hour

Scripture Lessons for April 2018

Sun. Apr. 1 —

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

Color: White/Gold

Sun. Apr. 8 —

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 (1)

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

Color: White

Sun. Apr. 15 —

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4 (3)

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Color: White

Sun. Apr. 22 —

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 (1)

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Color: White

Sun. Apr. 29 —

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31 (27)

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Color: White

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

From Pastor Trzynka

“What Monet saw he gave to the world. He saw the infinite beauty in the most ordinary things – a water lily pond. He saw the dynamism and variability in objects that many of us would regard as generic: lilies and water. But Monet saw that each lily in each season at each time of day was an irrepeatable astonishment. Infinity coded in a single leaf. Eternity uttered in the late hours of a summer’s afternoon. Beloved.”

Wendy W. Wright, *The Time Between: Cycles and Rhythms in Ordinary Time*

The good news of Easter helps prepare us for “ordinary time.”

In our “ordinary” day to day living, we live as people who have one foot in the grave, often striving, but unable, to break out of our cycles of sin, despair and grief. We are most days unable to break out of our graves of racism, elitism, sexism, and fear—and the list of graves goes on and on.

But the good news of Easter is the insistence of life over our death and graves. And that insistence on life doesn’t wait until we get to heaven. It begins this very moment when our ordinary, generic, broken lives are suffused with the presence of a living God.

God looks at people like you and me, with one foot in the grave, and through the lens of the crucified and resurrected Jesus, sees an “irrepeatable astonishment.” What God sees in us, through Jesus,” he gave to the world.”

This news can sustain us through the time of Easter, through ordinary time, and even at the time of our death.

Blessed Eastertide!

Pr. Phil

Metropolitan Chicago Synod News

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday will be **Sunday, September 9, 2018**. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America— one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life— flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018.

View the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJbZLqL0zEY and access resources at www.elca.org/Resources/GWOH-Sunday to guide your congregation’s planning, promotion and more.
Metropolitan

ELCA Presiding Bishop to Participate in Rally to End Racism

CHICAGO – ELCA News service (Feb. 6, 2018) – In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the **Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton**, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will join ecumenical and inter-religious partners for Act Now: Unite to End Racism on **April 3-5** in Washington, D.C. The focus of the three-day event will be a rally on April 4 on the National Mall.

The event, organized by the National Council of Churches in Christ in the USA, will bring together many ELCA members from across the country. The ELCA is a founding member of the council.

The rally's call to action emphasizes three key points: awaken to the truth that racism is evil and hurts us all; confront racism through truth telling and action to right the wrong; and transform the hearts, minds, and behaviors of people and institutions.

Events begin April 3 with an ecumenical worship service at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral and will be capped off by a lobby day on **Capitol Hill April 5**. All are invited to join Bishop Eaton at the event. Learn more at www.rally2endracism.org. **Bishop Wayne N. Miller** will also be attending.

GET INVOLVED

Upcoming events:

Eggstravaganza! Mark your calendar! On March 31st there will be a huge children's Easter party from 9:30 to noon. Caasi the clown will be here to entertain and amuse us. There will be stories and a time to learn, crafts, games, food, a service project and, of course, a great egg hunt! All CTL children, cousins, grandchildren, neighbors and friends are welcome. There is no cost to attend.

Hop On Over! Come to church early on Easter Sunday for food and fellowship. Coffee, juice and treats made for Eggstravaganza attendees will be available for a light breakfast before church. Food served from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in fellowship hall. Free will donations will benefit those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in the summer.

Bound and Ungagged

For **Sat., Apr. 7**, we will be reading "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis" by J.D. Vance. There is a posting of the books for the year on the bulletin board in the entranceway. If you love to read and would like to meet with other people who love to read, come join us for a delicious breakfast, fellowship and some lively discussion about the books that we read. We meet at Colonial Cafe on McLean Blvd at 8:00 am the first Saturday of each month. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a book that you think the book club would enjoy, please contact **Carol H.**

Books for 2018

Sat., Apr. 07	“Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis” by J. D. Vance
Sat., May. 05	“Small Great Things: A Novel” by Jodi Picoult
Sat., Jun. 02	“Lincoln in the Bardo: A Novel” by George Saunders
Sat., Jul. 07	“The Stars Are Fire” by Anita Shreve
Sat., Aug. 04	“A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” by Betty Smith
Sat., Sep. 01	“The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America’s Shining Women” by Kate Moore
Sat., Oct. 06	“To Be Where You Are (Mitford Years #14)” by Jan Karon
Sat., Nov. 10	“Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate (DATE CHANGE DUE TO CRAFT FAIR) – NEED A SUGGESTION
Sat., Dec. 01	NEED A SUGGESTION
Sat., Jan. 05	A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE

Habitat for Humanity News

Upcoming House project

New Hope Partnership is getting ready to start on a new project – rehabbing a house. Are you ready to work? The work will include installing a front porch, siding, soffits, gutters,

drywall, flooring, trim, doors, kitchen, and bathrooms. There will be something for all skill levels to do and all work will be done under the supervision of a project director.

- We expect to begin in March.
- House is located at 914 Berkley in Carpentersville.
- Volunteers must be 18 years old OR 16-17 years with an adult.

A sign-up sheet for those interested in helping will be in the entryway. When we are ready to begin, you will be contacted. Contact **Carol E** at 847-695-0833 with questions.

February Financial Report

	Gifts Given	Gifts Expected	Difference
January	\$14,410	\$15,470	-\$1,060
Year-to-date	\$30,110	\$29,219	+\$ 891
Gifts Received	\$30,110	Expenses \$34,621.31	-\$4,511.31

After two rather snowy months in 2018, we are a little behind because our expenses are always higher in the winter, especially when we have a lot of snow! In this Lenten Season as we focus on Jesus' journey, His ministry, His suffering, and His death, let us not forget that CTL cannot further His ministry without contributions from everyone! As we look forward to Easter and Jesus' resurrection, be reminded that when you give to Christ the Lord Lutheran Church you make it possible for CTL to send money to the Synod for the "wider church" and you make it possible for our own Social Ministry Committee to be able to support those in need in our own community. Your offerings go for CTL's programs, our paper on which we print letters, announcements and bulletins, the salaries of our employees, the purchase of music for our Choir and our Bell Choir, the wine and cups for communion and our utilities and snow plowing. (The bread for communion and the apple juice are donated by the people who do Altar Guild.)

Our AIM appeal is doing well. Through February we have collected a total of \$53,002.51. We still owe \$1416.60 which will be paid after we receive our written warranties and manuals. (I can't wait to see what our next project will be!)

Again, thank you to all who give so generously to CTL!

Social Ministry News

The next **Soup Kettle** is on March 30th, which is Good Friday. We hope that there will be willing helpers. Those who are hungry still need to be fed.

Love Elgin Day

Spring Love Elgin Day (2018) has been rescheduled for **Sat., June 9**. Throughout the month, there will be a box available in the narthex for spring and summer clothing and Christian books. Nonperishable food is also needed and may be left in the Caring Cube. Love Elgin Day provides free clothing, food, services, and more for people with limited incomes.

ReconcilingWorks Assembly

SAVE THE DATE

**ReconcilingWorks
Triennial Assembly**



June 21-24, 2018 | Minneapolis, MN

EARLY BIRD registration is open until Feb. 28

Register today and **SAVE \$45** at RWKS.org/assembly.

LEARNING

Adult Study Groups

You are welcome to participate in our adult learning opportunities:

- **Sunday Forum** Is on hold
- **Bible and Brew:**
Bible and Brew is reading and discussing a new book. We are reading and discussing one chapter a week from the book. (The chapters are short!) Books can be purchased during Bible and Brew. Bible and Brew meets in a back room at the Village Squire in West Dundee on Tues. at 7:00 p.m. Participants order a meal, or just drinks, have devotional time, talk about our topic, and enjoy one another's company. All are welcome!
- **Midweek Bible study** Meets at 10 a.m. to examine the Bible texts for the upcoming Sunday. Pastor Phil leads the study.
- **7:02 Faith Sharing Group** is a welcoming lay-led group, meeting in homes, that focuses on discussions of faith through the media of Reader's Theater, Books on Biblical Women, Living Faith and current social issue topics. Our next gathering will discuss "Righteousness by Grace". We meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:02 p.m. Next gathering **Fri., Apr. 20** at the home of **Judy Fishburn**.

THANK YOU

Holy Holes- **John Mullins, Bev Dumais,**

No flowers during Lent

Thanks

An enormous "Thank You" goes to everyone who helped with the Easter Food Baskets. Thanks to Peggy L. for doing the office work, to the Social Ministry team for making this ministry possible with their dedication and hard work, and to all the people who made generous food and cash donations. Also, to Pastor Phil and Craig B. for giving us a hand when needed. Before the boxes were loaded into Craig and Dale's vehicle, Pastor Phil blessed the food, the people who donated it, and the people who would be nourished by it. The boxes of food were delivered to U-46 on Mon., Mar. 19, and the social workers distributed it to the selected families that week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

As of March 25, 2018

Please pray for those who are part of the life of CTL who struggle with illness and other concerns especially:

Bob & Diane B, Rachel B, Patsy B, Al & Debbie D, Howard & Jan E, Roland "Joe" J, Barb L, and Dolores (Dolly) S.

Please pray for those in care facilities or at home, especially:

Al D, Ursula H

Please pray for our family and friends, especially:

Amerlan Family	CTL Craft Show Vendor
JD D	Jacki B's son
Lee Ann K	daughter of Bob & Andy L
Maureen L	Jacki B's mother-in-law
Eric L	son of Bob & Andy L
Deneen M	friend of Dorothy G
Tyler M	friend of Craig and Dale B
Oliver Family	Barb L's nephew's family
Fr. Bernie P	priest at Carol H's workplace
Bee T's Family	Rev. Arlyn T's aunt
John W	Patti H's brother

*Names in the above prayer lists are kept active for 6 weeks.
Please call our office if you want to request additional time*

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

If you have an **April** event and it does not appear on the lists, please let us know so we can update our records. bridge@ctlelgin.org

Birthdays for April

1 - Mikayla G	20 - Madison M
7 - Cullen M	21 - Tristan F
9 - Catherine F	21 - Anne R
12 - Arlyn T	21 - Bob S
14 - Tom J	21 - Jaime V
14 - Beth L	24 - Jim H
15 - Rick E	25 - Emma B
17 - Joe J	26 - Nicklas N
17 - Sadie V	27 - Debbie J
19 - Allen B	29 - Adyson L
19 - Nicolette T	

Baptisms for April

1 - Lorrie G	17 - David R
1 - Jane M	18 - Kayla H
1 - Joan W	19 - Jayla W
8 - Blake S	19 - Destiny W
9 - Jeff T	23 - Quinn J
12 - Anneliese J	24 - Sandy M
14 - Landon V	25 - Logan B
15 - Sharon H	27 - Jack C

Anniversaries for April

Mary Ellen & John H	April 10
Gene & Kathy O	April 29
Norb & Ellen R	April 30

MARKETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Carol B is managing CTL's marketing needs. Initially, this involves marketing CTL via social media (Facebook). We have two places for information on Facebook:

Page (public)	Changed by CTL admin	Christ the Lord Lutheran Church www.facebook.com/ctlelgin
Group (private)	Changed by members	Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Elgin, IL www.facebook.com/groups/ctlelgin

If you have information (events, photos) that you think the public needs to know, Carol can be contacted so that it can be put on our page and then shared in the group. The email address to contact Carol is ctlcommunications@ctlelgin.org. If you want to share anything with just the group, go ahead and post it in the group. For example, you might have a question or just want to express an idea. Questions? Contact Carol, or Peggy (CTL Office) at 847-741-8141, email: ctloffice@ctlelgin.org

CHRIST THE LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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COUNCIL

Jacki B ¹	2014-2020	
Craig B ²	2018	
Dorothy G	2017-2020	Vice President
Karin K ³	2012-2018	
Eric L	2016-2019	President
Ann O	2015-2018	Recording Secretary
Jeanne T	2016-2019	Corresponding Secretary

CTL FINANCIAL TEAM

Beth U	Treasurer
Carol C	Financial Secretary

CTL council minutes are now available on the entryway white board.

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¹ In last term

² One-year term

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