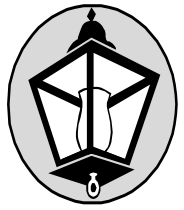


The LIGHTSHINE



The Official Newsletter of Christ Church, United Church of Christ, Des Plaines, Illinois

APRIL ISSUE 2019

Important Dates in April

- Apr. 6 Bible Study
- Apr. 7 **Worship Service /Fifth Sunday of Lent / Self Help Pantry donations**
Education Meeting
- Apr. 8 Lunch Bunch
Finance Committee Meeting
- Apr. 10 Potluck Dinner-Theme:
"Breakfast for Dinner"
Church Council Meeting
- Apr. 11 Women's Circle of Friends Mtg.
Wedding Rehearsal
- Apr. 12 Wedding
- Apr. 13 Feed My Starving Children
Building Committee Meeting
- Apr. 14 **Worship Service / Palm Sunday /**
Words for all God's Children/
Confirmation Celebration of
25, 50, 75 years &
2019 Confirmands
Bowling
- Apr. 18 **Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.**
- Apr. 19 **Good Friday Service 7 p.m.**
- Apr. 21 **Easter Sunday Celebration**
Sunrise Service
Scouts Serving Breakfast
Easter Service
- Apr. 22 Women's Breakfast
- Apr. 27 **Scouts French Toast Breakfast**
- Apr. 28 **Worship Service**
Donations for Rummage Sale



The Christ Church Staff wishes to extend to the members and friends of our Congregation wishes for a Very Blessed & Happy Easter!



Rev. Virginia E. Ericson, *Pastor*

Deborah Grenier, *Administrative Secretary*

Kyle Speer, *Business Manager*

Leslie Thomas, *Church Pianist*

Hana Fujisaki, *Church Organist*



Please join us on **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019** for Easter Worship Service

† 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Communion

8:00 a.m. Scouts Easter Breakfast — All Are Welcome!

† 9:30 a.m. Easter Service with Communion



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THE LIVING CROSS

MAUNDY THURSDAY - on April 18, 2019, at 7 p.m. in Wobbe Hall we will all gather to sit around the tables for our service in remembrance of how Jesus invited his disciples to be at the table with him for a Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY - on April 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, we will be having Service of Remembrance and Candlelight. This is a time to focus on the cross remembering how Jesus gave his life for our salvation.

HOLY SATURDAY - The history of a "Living Cross" is a rich one that the Harney family continues to share with us at Christ Church.

Helen Harney extends the invitation to join her back in Wobbe Hall on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at noon to create our 2019 Easter Cross.



Growing In The Word Of God

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services, here are the April 2019 Common Lectionary readings:

April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 14 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40
April 18 Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 19 Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalms 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
April 21 Easter (both)	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
April 28	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

Church Council Minute Highlights — February 13, 2019

The February 13, 2019 Church Council meeting was called to order by President Holly Schmidt at 7:03 pm.

Council members present were: Donna Boyko, Mary Jean Copeland, Irving Hallberg, Laura Hallberg, Steve Klaus, Eileen Podgor, Holly Schmidt, Gary Smith and Peggy Wajda.

Also present: Pastor Virginia Ericson and Kyle Speer

Absent: Mike Hozian

Reading and Prayer: Irving Hallberg

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

The minutes of the January 9, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve January minutes: D. Boyko Seconded: L. Hallberg Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kyle Speer

- The Financial Report was reviewed with Speer and questions answered.
- Contributions for the month of December to the general fund were \$6,339. Total expenses: \$17,283. Differences of (\$10,944). Deficit YTD: (\$10,944).
- Motion to approve the Financial Report and pay the bills: L. Hallberg Second: G. Smith Motion Carried.

MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT: Holly Schmidt

- Signage cost will be \$4,000. This is to be taken from the Major Project Money.
- Motion to approve M. Copeland Seconded: L. Hallberg Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING: Schmidt H.

- Discussion of spring cleaning dates to be determined
- Frank Staggs to do some repairs
- City will seal coat and stripe the parking lot.

EDUCATION: Podgor E.

- Sunday School continues with Women of The Bible, next is Hannah on 2/17 followed by Lydia and then Dorcas.
- Summer Sundays will begin 4/28. Children's Day will be June 9th.
- Youth group to Wolves game February 23rd for Faith and Fellowship. Planning a train trip to South Bend on April 6.
- Bowling will be February 24th at 3:00
- Care packages will be sent out on March 17th to our young adults away from home.
- Gift orders are due March 3rd with delivery on March 10th.
- March 13th Potluck theme is "Stews and..."
- Youth group plans to attend Wolves games February 23rd for Faith and Fellowship. Open to everyone. Contact Donna.
- Bible Study "Simon Peter. Flawed but Faithful Disciple." begins on Saturday March 9th, and lasts for four Saturdays, ending April 6th.

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YOUTH GARDEN: Podgor E. No report.

FINANCE: Hallberg I. No report.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Wajda P. No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Schmidt H. No report.

MISSIONS: Hallberg L. No report.

PERSONNEL: Smith G. No report.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Schmidt H. / Smith G. No report.

PROGRAM: Copeland M.

- Wednesday March 6th- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
- Friday March 15th- Million Dollar Quartet

PUBLIC RELATIONS/ PUBLICITIY: Boyko D. No report.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Klaus S.

- The poinsettia plants that decorated the sanctuary were delivered to the homebound after Christmas Eve by
- Pastor Ericson and church members. Homemade cookies were also given to them.
- Valentine cards were sent to the homebound.

WORSHIP & ARTS: Ericson V.

- March 3- Installation of Council Members
- March 6- Ash Wednesday
- March 10- Healing Service

CORRESPONDENCE:

- San Lucas sent a note indicating thanks and they had a great time visiting our church in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

STAFF: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn: Smith G. Second: Klaus S. Motion Carried.

MEETING END TIME: 8:25 PM

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, March 13th 2019

Reading and prayer: Irving Hallberg

Peggy Wajda

Church Council Secretary Temp.

Christ Church News — April 2019

Financial Update 2019 (Includes only donations to the General Fund.) (Subject to Audit)

(No Special Fund, Gifts, Benevolence or donations are included.)

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
January	\$6,339.00	\$17,283.00	(\$10,944.00)	(\$10,944.00)
February	\$12,884.00	\$16,241.00	(\$ 3,357.00)	(\$14,301.00)
Year-to-Date	\$19,223.00	\$33,524.00	(\$14, 301.00)	

Thank You for your continued support!

EDUCATION

- Gift Cards — orders are due **Sunday, April 7th**, and delivery is on **Sunday, April 14th**.
- Potluck — **Wednesday, April 11th** — with a theme of *"Breakfast for Dinner"*
- Youth Group — Monthly Bowling, is on **Sunday, April 14th** at River Rand Bowl at 3 p.m.

WCOF WOMEN'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS



Please join the Women's Circle of Friends on **Thursday, April 11th, at Noon**. Please come and join us for a fun afternoon!

The **Spring Rummage Sale** will be here before you know it, so start cleaning out your closets, basements, and the garages. **Rummage Sale dates are Friday, May 3rd from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** All items will be 1/2 price on Saturday.

You can bring your rummage items to Wobbe Hall on Sunday April 28th till 12 noon and on Wednesday and Thursday, May 1st & May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



GET IT TOGETHER GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**.

Currently our Get It Together Group is supporting Project Baby Blankets, Inc. Their mission is to provide every NICU baby with a handmade blanket, hat and bootie set. These items are donated to local hospitals in our own area. Sizes needed are micro-preemie to newborn. They are requesting items knitted or crocheted or even tied flannel blankets, all yarn types except wool. Micro preemie blankets - 12 x 12, Preemie blankets - 18 x 18, Newborn - 24 x 24. We work on these items at our monthly meetings, but if you would prefer to make your items at home, all are welcome and appreciated. We even have yarn available. Any questions, see Alice Barnhart or Kathie Groll.

Church Ministries for April 2019

We celebrate with all those who are participating in our Church Ministries for April.

	<u>4/7/19</u>	<u>4/14/19</u> Palm Sunday	<u>4/18/19</u> Maundy Thursday	<u>4/19/19</u> Good Friday	<u>4/21/19</u> Easter 7 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	<u>4/28/19</u>
Acolytes	Murphy Putz	Dorian Schrader	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers 7 & 9:30	Ushers
Greeters	Marilyn Hoover	Elaine & Al Angsten	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers 7 Al & Eileen Podgor 9:30	Ushers
Ushers * Team Captain(s)	Al & Elaine Angsten Bob Neil*	Barbara Wraas Frank & Julie Staggs	Rita Barth Donna Boyko Charlene Dohse	Steve Klaus* Barbara Dopp Mike Hozian	Al & Elaine Angsten 7 Bob Neil* 7 Lori Fabian 7	Rita Barth Donna Boyko Charlene Dohse
	Lori Fabian Gary Smith	Alice Barnhart*	David Podgor John Hangey Peggy Wajda*	Patricia Morris Terri Wester Jack Branding	Gary Smith 7 Barbara Wraas 9:30 Frank & Julie Staggs 9:30 Alice Barnhart* 9:30	David Podgor John Hangey Peggy Wajda*
Liturgist	Alice Barnhart	Sally Sove	Gail Fisher	Pastor Ericson	Pastor Ericson 7 Sally Sove 9:30	Don Meseth
Lector	Barbara Wraas	Sally Sove	Pastor Ericson	Pastor Ericson	Pastor Ericson 7 Sally Sove 9:30	Don Meseth
Council Greeter	Bob Neil	Eileen Podgor	Ushers	Ushers	Judy Rosedale	Gary Smith
Flowers	Barbara Dopp	PALMS	PALMS	PALMS	EASTER LILYS	OPEN
Sunday Secretary	Julie Staggs	Peggy Wajda			Marion Meseth	Barbara Blume
Altar Guild	Lori Fabian					
Coffee Hour	Women's Circle of Friends					
Children's Ministries	Sunday School	Sunday School	Family Worship	Family Worship	Family Worship Easter Sunday	Sunday School

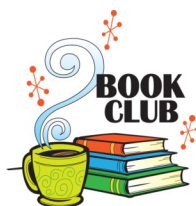
We are a caring congregation. Our building is handicap accessible. Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices are available.

May we celebrate the multitude of ministries that God has provided for us at Christ Church!

CHRIST CHURCH

BOOK CLUB

The Christ Church Book Club will next meet on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Our leader for that meeting will be **Barbara Wraas** and the book to be discussed is "*The Language of Flowers*" by **Vanessa Diffenbaugh**. Please bring the book with you — it may be obtained from the library or purchased at your book store. If you like to read and enjoy a good discussion, please plan to join us. If you



Church Council Members for 2019

Donna Boyko	847-635-7875
Mary Jean Copeland, <i>Secretary</i>	847-758-9679
Irv Hallberg, <i>Treasurer</i>	847-824-4561
Laura Hallberg	630-423-4017
Steve Klaus	847-981-1958
Bob Neil	847-299-3933
Eileen Podgor, <i>President</i>	847-977-4011
Judy Rosedale	847-827-0446
Gary Smith, <i>Vice President</i>	847-298-0372



April 21, 2019

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion

8:00 a.m. Scout Easter Breakfast

All Are Welcome!

9:30 a.m. Easter Service with Communion

DON'T MISS OUR SPRING



**Friday, May 3 from
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

&

**Saturday, May 4 from
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

1/2 off day and Bake Sale & Hot Dogs

Donations are being accepted

*Sunday morning April 28th and Wednesday,
May 1st through Thursday, 2nd.*

DINNER / THEATER EVENT



Join our Program

Committee for their Annual
Dinner/Theater experience.

On **Sunday, May 5th**, we will

be attending the 2 P.M. Matinee Performance Musical of
"9 to 5" at **Prairie Lakes Theatre**, (515 E. Thacker)
followed by a **Pizza Buffet** at **Moretti's** located at
1799 S. Busse, Mount Prospect.



All this for one price of \$46.



Tickets Are On Sale Now!

(Space is limited)



Sponsored by our Program Committee

Happy Birthday — April 2019

3 Dana Fritz	23 Gloria Schulze
8 Dorothy Zemke	28 Tim Barnhart
12 Sara Reker	29 Barbara Blume
12 Rosine Warnke	30 Joe Busse
13 Raegan Kathryn-Ann Shunt	30 Joshua Patrick Shunt



Helen Harney *(New Address & Telephone)*
 Luther Village
 1220 Village Drive, Unit 365C
 Arlington Heights, IL 60004
 847-749-2580

<u>February 2019</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
February 3rd	55
February 10th	101
February 17th	40
February 24th	50

HELP US HELP THE CHURCH BUDGET – PURCHASING GIFT CARDS AND HOW IT WORKS!!!

For a few years now the Education Committee has been taking orders for gift cards once a month. We want to welcome all of you to the Great Lakes Scrip Program so that you will want to participate. It is time to put our members' shopping dollars to work for our church. You can raise money for Christ Church without any additional out of pocket costs!!!

The program revolves around gift cards! Education Committee buys the gift cards from an array of vendors through Great Lakes Scrip at a discounted rate. Then we sell them at full face value to you. The profits earned from the discounted purchases is used to help the education committee but also help us pay bills off of the billboard of bills. For example, Jewel sells gift cards to us at a 5% discount, so \$100 in Jewel cards cost us \$95. If you purchase \$100 of Jewel cards through this program, you give us a check for \$100, we give you the cards, and the difference of \$5 is what we earn that can be put toward education and church expenses. It's that easy - and you won't believe how quickly it adds up!

The order form can be found on the counter in the church office and due dates are always available in your bulletin. Please review the form for your own shopping needs and habits. We all buy gas and groceries. Do you eat out, stop for coffee, go to the movies, or shop? If we could get more families ordering we could raise many \$\$\$\$ for our church. The cards do not expire. Each retailer offers a different percentage. The difference is an instant rebate to our church.

With your help, when you order, we can pay bills from our Billboard of Bills and help with our church's budget. If you have questions, please see Donna Boyko, Eileen Podgor, or Barb Bay. Plans are in the making to set up a table in Wobbe Hall once a month for gift card purchases, taking orders, and gift card delivery. *We hope you will be participating!!!*

Prayer makes a difference for those who pray and those who are prayed for.
Please keep the church office informed when you hear of someone in need of prayers.



During the month of February our thoughts and prayers were with...

Alice Barnhart	Bob Golterman	Robert Jenkins	John Nix
Mike Berg	Ken Groff	Rochelle Jesse	John Sieben
Matty Beuke	Phyllis Groff	Jill Johnson	Lorraine Seils
Darlene Boeckenhauer	Pat Haas	Tom Knoll	Kathy Stonequist
Kevin Boeckenhauer	Rich Hagedorn	Mike Koponka	Jack Storm
Steve Boeckenhauer	Lynne Hansen-Salak	Kathy Krivanek	LaVerne Thackaberry
Paul Brodack	Helen Harney	Dawn & Ted Mashek	Curtis Tice
Jill Brennan	Donna Hedstrom	Rita Maves	Bruce & Hope Tschappat
Peggy Comstock	Donna Helma	Marilyn McCown	Mary Vanden Branden
Jean Cutrara	Fred Hillger	Don & Marion Meseth	Bob Wagner
Dorothy Dindinger	Emily Hozian	Stacey Neibhur	Dorothy & Larry Zemke
Lori Fabian	Elaine Hudson	Melissa Neil	
Denise Gibbons	Family of Sigurd Jensen	Nancy Nevin	

Special Prayers go to: Our Pastor, Our Church,
 Our Servicemen, Our Service-Women, Our
 Veterans, Our Country and its Leaders.

Our Homebound: Elaine & Merritt Berg,
 Marilyn Comstock, Donna Helma, Luella Senne,
 Phyllis Volberding, Rosine Warnke.

SCOUTS



FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 27, 2019

**7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at
 Christ Church
 in Wobbe Hall
 (tickets required)**

NEW BIBLE STUDY SESSION

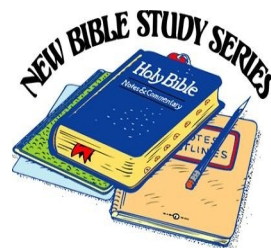
In preparation for our next 4 week Saturday Bible Study,
 we will focus on the book *"The Gospel According to
 Leviticus: Finding God's Love in God's Law."*

Classes will meet at 10 a.m. on the following **Saturdays:**

♦ May 11 ♦ May 18 ♦ June 1 and ♦ June 15, 2019

As in the past, please enter the church by way of the
 ramp to Wobbe Hall. We will be meeting in the **Lounge**
 of the Church.

A sign-up sheet will be in the church office as of
 March 31, 2019 with the deadline
 to sign-up on April 21, 2019. Study
 items that need to be read before
 the first class will hopefully be
 available for pick-up no later
 than Sunday, May 5, 2019.



Confirmation Anniversaries

Celebrating 25, 50 and 75 Years

Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019

25 Years - Class of 1994

Selina (Nina) Bieruita	Candice Gerald	Heather C. Schultz
Dana Brodack	James R. Hurtt	Eric G. Thompson

50 Years - Class of 1969

Erna Beerheide	Diane Hauck	Scott Pischke
Jody Blenkle	Joanne Huff	Wayne Richardson
Gary Blume	Tim James	Patti Riddel
Judy Branding	Bill Knole	Ken Riley
Susan Buckholz	Robin Knowles	Tim Saewert
Lynette Colby	Jody Koenig	David Sarlo
Ricky Dillinger	Donna Kruse	Janet Schug
Kathy Dohse	Cheryl Kueker	David Schupp
Merle Dopp	Cheryl Liss	Patsy Smith
Ken Fleck	Bruce MacDonald	Blain Taylor
Bradley Frost	Donald Maihack	Gary Wagner
Steven Geils	Diane Marienfeld	Tom Warnke
Janet Gibbert	Jeff Marion	Robert Zabroske
Charlotte Goerschler	Pamela Nehring	David Zoellick
Michelle Henning	Tom Osgood	

75 Years - Class of 1944

Donna M. Altenburg	Godfrey E. Kaufmann	James A. Nissen
Marilyn J. Benson	Wayne E. Kaufmann	Grace M. Rosen
Dolores M. Carlson	Robert W. Klug	Norma L. Schaller
Florence L. Glauner	Eileen J. Landahl	Eleanor F. Tentscher
Barbara A. Goede	Shirley M. Lark	Viola M. Wiegel
Loretta W. Kanitsch	Patricia J. Lindberg	

Memorials — February 2019

To Honor / Remember

General Fund:

In memory of Sig Jensen - Elaine & Bud Hudson

In loving memory of our sister Phyllis Baker on her birthday - Peggy, Connie and Herb

In memory of Louis Volberding - Kathy Limp



Education Fund:

In memory of my cousin, Clarence "Sonny" Johnsen - Steve & Barb Bay

In memory of my friend, Tom Slezak - Steve & Barb Bay



We welcome the month of April in anticipation of Holy Week and Easter. Holy week begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. People waved palm branches as Jesus passed them by humbly riding a donkey. Their shouts of Hosanna were their beliefs that Jesus was their earthy Messiah who would free them from their oppression. During the week in preparation of the Passover, Jews from all over came to Jerusalem for the celebration. It is believed that on that Monday, Jesus went and overturned the tables of the money changers at the temple which angered them and the religious leadership. Tuesday and Wednesday, he would have taught at the Temple. On Thursday, we remember that final Passover meal that he would have with his disciples. During their time together, he would wash their feet and give them a new mandate (commandment)

to love as he had loved them. The word Maundy comes from that mandate. After the meal, in the wee hours of Friday, he would journey to the garden with his disciples. He would pray an agonizing prayer to his father. Shortly after, a mob came to arrest him. He would be jailed, tried, beaten and crucified. As it was the Sabbath, he would hurriedly be buried in a new tomb. In the midst of their sorrow, the followers of Jesus would be in hiding as they were afraid that soon they might be caught and punished, too. Early on Sunday, the women came to the garden tomb only to discover that Jesus was not there. It would be Mary Magdalene, by the mention of her name, who would realize that it was Jesus raised from the dead.

In the light of the biblical accounts, we at Christ Church have our own traditions to bring these stories to life. On Palm Sunday, we will receive palms. Dorian and Murphy will be confirmed, and we will remember our own Confirmation, when we professed our own faith in the risen Christ. On Maundy Thursday, we will sit around the tables in Wobbe Hall sharing the story, breaking the matzo and drinking grape juice as we remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday, a life sized cross, made by Ken Tomscheck, will be in our sanctuary to remember the crucifixion. On Easter Sunday, a life size flowered cross will be on our altar to remember the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ, our Messiah. We continue to thank Helen Harney and her family for making this Easter message come alive.

I invite you to journey with us through Holy Week so that in understanding the message, we too, can proclaim "Christ is risen—He is risen indeed".

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Virginia

Calendar - see calendar dates at this site!

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Join Us Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

- † 7 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
- 8 a.m. Scouts Easter Breakfast—*All Are Welcome!*
- † 9:30 a.m. Easter Service with Holy Communion