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PASTORAL MESSAGE
SPECIAL HOLY WEEK EDITION

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When was the last time you were amazed? Being amazed is often equated with something extraordinary happening beyond our daily routine. But being amazed can be a daily practice of seeing the extraordinary in the ordinary – such as a baby’s first coo, the sound of warm winds announcing spring, the experience of hearing the words, “I’m sorry” or “I love you”, or the realization occurs that you’re singing hymns side by side with your church family after a 2 year pandemic! I don’t really know why Peter was so amazed that Jesus simply just wasn’t where Peter expected him to be. If you ask me, it doesn’t seem all that out of the ordinary that Jesus wasn’t often where people expected him to be or doing what they expected him to do! Perhaps that’s the most amazing thing about God’s love. It rises up where it’s needed most and least expected—like an empty tomb!



But when Peter got up and ran to the tomb...he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what happened!

LUKE 14:12

As we approach Holy week and Easter, won’t you join me in being amazed at all that is a buzz right in middle of our routine lives, including an abiding eternal message of love that enables us to experience God’s renewing Spirit in Jesus Christ often in the places we least expect! I look forward to sharing in this Good News with you throughout Holy Week and being amazed!

Grace & Peace,
Darla



Join us for **EASTER** Worship at 10:15 as we celebrate the gift and opportunity for the Spirit to bring us together in person like we haven’t been able to do for over two years! What a way to celebrate Christ rising among the faithful over and over again!





ECUMENICAL MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Next week, during Holy Week, there will be an **Ecumenical Maundy Thursday service hosted at Christ Lutheran Church at 7 pm**. Like Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we will share in these special holy days with our ecumenical partners, St. John Episcopal Church, Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church and Christ Lutheran Church. Hope you will join in this special night of honoring Jesus' final meal with his disciples and his grace offered through it for all the ages to come!

A graphic for Good Friday Taize Service featuring a silhouette of the cross against a dark, textured background. The text "Ecumenical Service with First Christian Church, Christ Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church" is written in white. Below that, "GOOD FRIDAY Taize Service" is written in large white letters, followed by "April 15 at 7:30 pm". At the bottom, there is a logo for the First Christian Church of Crawfordsville and a small circular logo with a cross and a sun. The text "FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CRAWFORDSVILLE fccville.org" is written in white. At the very bottom, it says "Join us in person at the FCC Sanctuary or online (Facebook and YouTube Live)".

Ecumenical Service with
First Christian Church,
Christ Lutheran Church,
St. John's Episcopal Church,
and Wabash Avenue
Presbyterian Church

**GOOD FRIDAY
Taize Service**
April 15 at 7:30 pm

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Join us in person at the FCC Sanctuary or online (Facebook and YouTube Live)

Join us **April 15 at 7:30** for our **Good Friday Taizé Service** featuring biblical readings of Jesus last words from the cross. This is a special contemplative service that incorporates prayer, singing, candle lighting and symbolic remembrance. Taize style singing draws upon the Eastern Orthodox tradition where the songs emphasize simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. Hope you will join us for this meaningful service!

A graphic for Easter Sunrise Service featuring a sunrise over a horizon. The text "EASTER SUNRISE Service" is written in a mix of purple and pink fonts. Below that, "7 am at Bethel AME Church" is written in a simple black font.

EASTER SUNRISE
Service
7 am at Bethel AME Church

INVITATION TO FCC FROM BETHEL AME & SECOND BAPTIST CHURCHES

You're invited to worship together with us at 7 am for an **Easter Sunrise Service at Bethel AME Church**. This is perfect for you early risers who enjoy celebrating Easter at the break of dawn! What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the risen Christ who is embodied through our relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, not only across our town, but across the earth!

A graphic for Easter Special Offering featuring a circular logo with the word "Easter" in a script font and "SPECIAL OFFERING" below it. To the right, the text "Sunday April 10 and 17, 2022" is written in white. Below that, "A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund" is written in white. At the bottom, there is a small logo and the text "supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)".

Easter
SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday April 10
and 17, 2022**

A special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund

supporting general ministries of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The **Easter Special Offering**, received by congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on April 10 & 17, 2022, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners responding to crises on the ground, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more! Look for the special offering envelopes on the gathering space welcome counter as you enter from the church parking lot or on the welcome table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Give online at www.fccville.org/giving or at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.



Easter Prayer Vigil

Just what is a prayer vigil? The idea is many centuries old. "Vigil" indicates a time of "vigilance" and wakefulness.

"Can't we just pray at home?" some ask. Not if we want certain unique advantages. The specialness of praying in the sanctuary lifts this hour above the sometimes discouraging experiences of daily prayer. At home there can be so many distractions and interruptions. You think about all the things that need doing. But when you come to the quiet sanctuary, you really can feel God's presence. It's that moment where you can unleash your feelings, questions, griefs, and fears...knowing that God is listening and can take away what you need to let go.

As you are alone in the sanctuary, take time to write in the prayer journal which provides a way to connect to God and convey your emotions, fears, and aspirations. Some thoughts from prior journal entries:

"I'm so grateful for every blessing in my life - spiritual and physical. Thank you for sending Jesus to die for me and thank you for helping me know the Gospel and giving me life in You."

"Lord, you know me better than I know myself. I'm struggling. I always think I know better and have a hard time leaving things to you. Please help me with this."

"Let Your will be done in my life, because Your plan is better. Help me follow Your lead"

"Please forgive me when I doubt and question You when I have no right to. Forgive me when I act in selfishness and sin because I'm focused on this world."

Take advantage of this unique experience and sign up for any hour-long time slot starting on Friday night and ending early Sunday morning. Follow the link below to see what times are available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AB2CABFEC34-easter1>

If you have trouble signing up using the link, please contact Pastor Kevin. If you have any additional questions regarding the prayer vigil, feel free to contact Dave Lunsford or Pastor Kevin.

Coming in May:

PRAYER REBOOT

with Kelly Stanley

Does your prayer life ever feel stale? Do you get bored? Tired? Frustrated? Do you have doubts about whether this prayer thing is really all it's cracked up to be? When we get together and talk about our individual experiences with prayer, we can all learn from one another, and along the way, we might find a new type of energy or inspiration for our prayer lives.

The Prayer Reboot will be a cross between a class and a prayer group. It will be an exploration and an interactive discussion, with me facilitating but not necessarily "teaching."

Each session will begin with a brief discussion on a specific topic, followed by a brief time of prayer requests, followed by prayer. There will be a small homework assignment each time—something more experiential than intellectual (for instance, exploring different postures of prayer—how does it feel to stand vs kneel vs holding hands up, etc.), which will be discussed the following week.

Details:

- 4 weekly one-hour sessions during the month of May
- Time/day will depend on the interest. Options: Monday afternoons from 3-4 or Sundays at 11:30 (brown bag lunch session—assuming we are able to share food together by then)
- **Interested or have other questions?** Email Kelly (kellyostanley@me.com), text her (765-366-6709), or leave a note in the office with your name and which time slot you would prefer. We will announce the final decision on time in a couple weeks.



Who will speak for you?
An essential conversation for **everyone.**

April 13 @ noon
learn more at
www.dusk-to-dawn.org

Dusk-to-Dawn Bereavement Services
Brownbag Learning Series Event
Free and open to the public

Who Will Speak for You? A Brownbag Learning Series event Wednesday April 13 at noon, Luther Hall; Christ Lutheran Church

National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) is an initiative to encourage people to express their wishes regarding healthcare and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be. This conversation is not only about end-of-life care but is meant for any time of life when an unexpected medical crisis might happen. Don't wait until you lose your voice, decide now who will speak for you and what they will say.

This free Brownbag Learning Series event is hosted by Dusk-to-Dawn Bereavement Services and is led by Certified Advance Care Planning facilitator and Staff Counselor j Miranda.

Reserve your space online at dusk-to-dawn.org or by calling 765-267-1760.



All Are Welcome Here!

If you are new to First Christian, we would like to invite you to a welcoming event we are planning as a way for you to learn more about the church and the people. We hope to be blessed by your presence for our:

New Member & Visitor Fellowship Gathering

Sunday, May 1, from 5-6:30 pm

Light supper and childcare provided; playground available

We will meet in the church parking lot (next to the playground) and begin with hot dogs, chips, and cookies. Then we will gather together:

- To meet and get to know the ministers and others new to the church.
- For the ministers and others to get to know a little more about you.
- To learn a little about FCC and to share thoughts and questions you may have.

Please contact Judy Michal at judy.michal@yahoo.com if you plan to attend and/or if you have any questions.

Hope to see you on Sunday, May 1!



HHCL Updates

HHCL wants to express a huge thank you to Pastor Kevin, Jerry Whipkey, and Dale Petrie for their help in moving heavy duty furniture to the upstairs storage room. Also, thanks to Dale for his handyman skills. We would have not been able to have made a smooth transition to our new classroom purchases without you. We appreciate your availability and I know the Lord will bless you for your kindness.

HHCL would also like to thank Dale and Linda Petrie for doing our laundry. We also keep Carolyn Snyder and her husband in our prayers. Carolyn has blessed us for weeks of laundry service and we appreciate everything she has done for us.

April 4-8 is the Week of the Young Child and we are planning some fun activities to do with the children. We are also enjoying our new furniture and materials in our classrooms! They were purchased with money from our Stabilization Grant. We will be posting photos on our Facebook page later this week.



- Fri. 4/8 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 4/10 **The Wired Word** (Parlor)—9:15 am
PALM SUNDAY: Worship (in sanctuary or online):
 Living Stones (Luke 19:28-40) with Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15 am
- Mon. 4/11 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6:30 pm
- Tues. 4/12 **Ladies Lunch Bunch** (Second City Café on S. Wash. St. across from Greek's Pizza)—1 pm
Elders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)—7 pm
- Wed. 4/13 **Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services Brownbag Lunch and Learn Series** (Christ Lutheran Church)—noon
WOW—4:30-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Thurs. 4/14 Ecumenical **Maundy Thursday Service** (Christ Lutheran Church)—7 pm
- Fri. 4/15 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
Good Friday Ecumenical Taize Worship Service—7:30 pm
Prayer Vigil (day 1)
- Sat. 4/16 **Prayer Vigil** (day 2)
- Sun. 4/17 **Prayer Vigil** (day 3)
The Wired Word (Parlor)—9:15 am
EASTER SUNDAY Worship (in sanctuary or online):
 The Gift of Always Wondering (Luke 24:1-2, John 20:1-18) with Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15 am
- Mon. 4/18 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6 pm
- Tues. 4/19 **Euchre** (Parlor)—1:30 pm
- Wed. 4/20 **WOW**—4:30-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Thurs. 4/21 **Next Pathfinder newsletter**



GRADUATION SUNDAY: SAVE THE DATE—MAY 15TH!

We are calling all our high school and college graduates! We'd love to celebrate your hard work and accomplishments in worship, so please inform Judy Michal or Pastor Kevin if we can include your name on our graduate list.

SCOUTS

Scouts BSA Troops 247 and 365 meet on Monday evenings at 6:30. If you are 11-17 years old (or an adult) and are interested in being a part of our boys' or girls' organization, we would love to have you. You can come to our meeting or contact: 247.365fundraising@gmail.com or michele.enlow@gmail.com.

prayer concerns

Pray for Our Church Family, Friends, and Other Concerns

Continue to pray for the protection, health, and well-being of those people who are serving in various ways that put them at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. We give thanks for their service.

ARLEEN WILHITE—recovering from a stent procedure

OWEN SIDDENS—recovering from tonsilectomy

JOHN HUSTED—recovering from a fall

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

CINDY GRIMES and family on the loss of Cindy's father, **BILL COLLINGS**

BOB SNYDER—Beginning kidney dialysis 3x weekly and heart issues

CARTER AND DEB MORRETT and family on the loss of Carter's mother, **EILEEN MORRETT**

JACI AND MARK WOLLENBERG and family on the loss of Jaci's dad, **HENRY VAN LEEUWEN**

RAYLENE BUSSE (friend of Nancy Beach)—5-year old with leg pain, numbness, and possible back surgery

JENNY SAYLER (daughter of Joe & Deb Carter)—heart attack and seizure

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitation after hospitalization for a brain bleed

DAVID KLINE—Ongoing health issues related to a stroke & cancer.

BEN McCORMICK—at home but still recovering

RUSSELL RUBY—health issues

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—he had pacemaker replacement procedure and she's recovering from broken arm

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer; recovering from mastectomy

BOB MASON—energy is low from tests and treatments for cancer

CATHY MOFFETT (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer

MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend)—victim of a beating

ALEX (and his parents, Beth and Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—Alex has a tumor on his spine

CARSON COLLINS and family (friends of Kym Bushong's)—leukemia

JENNIFER (FRY) KREKELER (daughter of Daryl & Mary Helen Fry)—chronic fatigue syndrome

JOE CARTER—friend of Keedys, cancer

GARY MEEK—ongoing health concerns

SHEILA CLARK—Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Pray for our Shut-ins

Long-term care facilities are open again to visitors, even without vaccination. Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

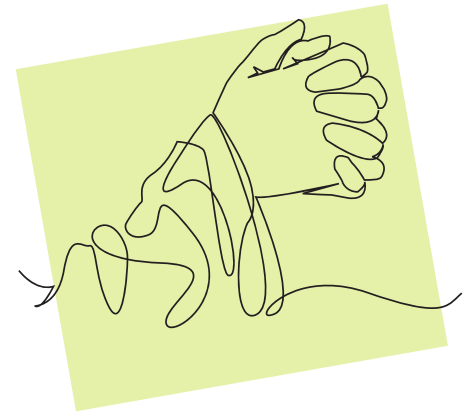
WHITLOCK: **CAROLYN SIMPSON** (#151)

WELLBROOKE: **MARGE KOPERSKI** (Marge Michael's mother)

HOME: **FRANCES COLLINGS, RUSSELL & SANDY RUBY, DALLAS & KAREN McDONALD**

ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**



*A simple grateful
thought turned
heavenwards is the
most perfect prayer.*

~DORIS LESSING

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please notify the office or email fcc.comm211@gmail.com if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Otherwise, the prayer requests will remain on the list. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
April 10th	Luke 22:1-20	Sara Nicodemus
April 17th	Luke 24:1-12	Kate Lindsey & Jeff Jay
April 24th	John 20:19-31	Gwen Carlson
May 1st	Luke 24:13-35	Sarah Jay
May 8th	John 20:11-18	Beth Lindsey

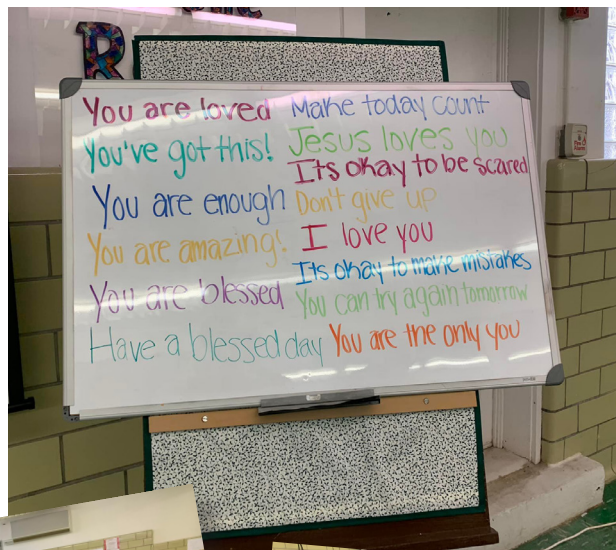
We love to have your children, ages 4 to 12, join us for fun, fellowship, and learning!



Children's Palm Parade THIS SUNDAY!

At the beginning of worship, we will gather all our young children to begin the Palm Sunday parade, waving our palm branches and singing our opening hymn! We would love to invite all our youth to join us, so please reach out to Pastor Kevin and worship chair Leanah Brown, if you haven't already, to make sure everyone who wants to be involved is included.

Two weeks ago, WOW kids wrote positive messages for church members to find in the church!



Camp Celebrations!

This past Sunday we celebrated our camp programs by singing camp songs, reflecting how camp has made an impact upon many of our lives, and supported our youth who are interested in attending camp this coming Sunday. I am excited to share some pictures people have shared with me of their camp experiences, as well as some testimonies of how camp has impacted them in their faith formation:

"I attended church camp when I was a young boy and the most remembrance I recall is I learned what it was to be homesick and how to cope with it—a bit of 'growing up' that helped in later years." -Paul Cass

"Not only did I have fun at church summer camp, I made new friends, and learned new skills. Camp is a wonderful and safe place to gain confidence in oneself for future life experiences." -Kate Lindsey



WOW Schedule

April 13
April 20
April 27 (Last Day)



"These are our grandsons, Issac and Grayson. Last summer we took them to the camp at Geneva Center. It was a wonderful experience for us all—so much so, that we plan to go again this year." -Raymond Cedars



Nate Tompkins shared this picture of himself at camp when he was a child during our Camp Sunday worship.

If you have a brief testimony you'd like to share about your camp experience, or any pictures you may have from camp, please send them to the church office so we can include them in future Pathfinder editions to celebrate the upcoming Camp Season!

VBS Save the Date: July 13-15, 2022!

Details and registration information will be sent out after Easter



The great gift of Easter is hope.

~BASIL HUME

Church Kitchen – New Dinnerware



To the left, you will see a picture of new dinnerware that was purchased by an anonymous donor for the church kitchen. The dinnerware set consists of a 10¼" dinner plate, a bread/butter plate, a dessert bowl and a 10 oz. mug. The purchase consisted of 100 plates/bowls and 50 mugs. The plates and bowls are Corelle, which means they are much lighter to handle. The mug has the new church logo and adds nice color to the place setting since the plates are all white.

Below that, you will also see a picture of the older dinnerware. They have been used for several years for church dinners, funeral dinners and LOGOS/WOW. The church had about 170 sets which included the dinner plate, bread/butter plate, dessert bowl, cup and Saucer.

The kitchen committee decided to donate the older dinnerware. The majority of the items went to the Pleasant View Church on St. Rt. 32 in Boone County. We just received a thank you note from the church stating how much they enjoyed receiving the dinnerware. They also noted that they donated some to the Shalom House in Lebanon. The Shalom House serves people in Boone County who are in need of meals each week. Pleasant View said that the group was very excited to get some pretty dishes. "Thank you for your kindness which became a great blessing to others!!"



We are now in the Book of Deuteronomy! If you have questions about this biblical book or about anything else we have discussed on the podcast, be sure to send in your questions to us at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com. And check out all our discussions on the previous books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers! <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- April 8 Melanie Dowd
- April 13 Arleen Wilhite
- April 15 Russell Ruby
Kris Rohr
- April 19 Glenda Walther (83)
- April 25 Carolyn Snyder (80)
- April 26 Grace Vaught
- April 28 Cris Manker (94)

ANNIVERSARIES

- April 8, 1960 (62nd anniversary)
Sam and Myrna Thompson
- April 8
Edward and Sarah Dowd
- April 17
Jeff and Jerri Stewart
- April 22
Tim and Kay Nannet

If you would like your birthday and anniversary included in the bi-monthly Pathfinder newsletter, please let Kelly know.





HOW CAN WE HELP?



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in the books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

~MARTIN LUTHER

PASTOR DARLA

Monday is Rev. Darla's day off. Please contact Rev. Kevin with questions, concerns or emergencies when Darla is unavailable.

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PASTOR KEVIN

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Those who are fully vaccinated and not at risk of severe Covid or influenza are welcome to show their smiles. **Masks are optional for all church activities!**

We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated, who might have been exposed to someone who is ill, or who simply feel more comfortable wearing a mask, to continue to do so. Disposable masks are freely available in the Narthex in both adult and child sizes. Thank you for your continued care and concern for the health of our community!

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10 – 3
Wednesday & Thursday 10 – 4
Friday 11 – 1

The FCC doors will remain locked during office hours in order to maintain safe space for our Hand in Hand children and staff, and our FCC staff who may be in the office by themselves. Please simply ring the bell during office hours (at either the Walnut Street or Parking Lot doors) and FCC staff will be delighted to "buzz" you in!

OFFICE STAFF

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For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders