



THE CALLER

Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing, MN

April 2023

From the Darkness

from Deacon Vicki

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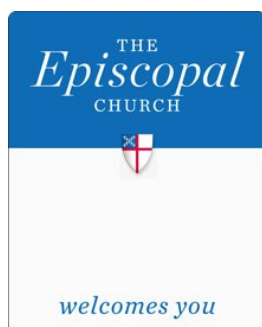
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The joy of Easter is no shallow joy. It is a joy grounded in the depth of knowing that God is with us and always opening a path to walk in newness of life—with us in the dark and quiet, with us in the unknown, and with us in the bright light of day.

As Jesus followers, we are prone to talking about dark versus light—more specifically, to see the light as a conqueror of the dark. But to pit the two against each other is to miss the ways God is present and working in both.

We tend to think of darkness only as periods of despair, hopelessness, or confusion—times when God feels far away or at best unknowable. In darkness, we hit our shins on the coffee table; in the darkness, we don't know what might jump out to get us.

If we observe closely, we can see signs that God is quietly present, sowing seeds, working wonders, and inviting us into growth and new life.

But there is also goodness in darkness. It is necessary for restorative slumber. In the dark and quiet, we can rest and replenish. In the dark and quiet of the earth, bulbs wait quietly for warmer temperatures. In the dark and quiet, seeds germinate before pushing green shoots up above the soil, ready for the sun.

God works marvelous wonders amidst darkness. As the familiar words of Psalm 139 remind us, "Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

God creates in the darkness—in the soil, in the womb, in the cave.

Though periods of grief, hopelessness, and confusion might seem like the moments God is the farthest

away, if we observe closely, we can see signs that God is quietly present, sowing seeds, working wonders, and inviting us into growth and new life.

And yet, in the Gospel from Matthew, Mary Magdalene and Mary meet an angel from the Lord who tells them the good news and invites them to go and share it too. It is this fear *and* great joy that can be instructive for us modern-day followers of Christ.

The news every day reminds us of the many dangers around us—the persistent hatred, apathy, and despair that we cannot afford to ignore. And yet, even with this fear, there is great joy. We can hold great joy because we know that God is present, working wonders and inviting us into new life.

And so shines with the glory of the Resurrection, let us give thanks in the dark and quiet, amidst the light and fanfare, and in all the moments in between, knowing that God is steadily present, creating, inviting, and restoring. May we follow in the footsteps of Mary Magdalene and Mary and tell the good news, with our fears cushioned by great joy in the knowledge of the wonders God works.

In Jesus,

Deacon Vicki





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Dogs and Hope

by Kris Blaney

As I write this, on the first, I am looking out the window. So, we thought we were over the snow. Can I just say, this is not a good April Fool's joke. I was ready to start prepping my yard for new flowers and trying out new deterrents to prevent my dog from making my yard look like little land mines went off all over it. He's a digger and is quite the professional at it. It's a battle, let me tell you.

As we prepare for the resurrection this month, think about what this means to you and your faith journey.

If you recall in my February Caller article, I talked about Lenten sacrifices. I talked about instead of giving up something, try giving something, like your time or resources. Did you do anything? If so, what did you do? Did you find reward in what you did? Will you continue

with the item you started? If you did, congratulations, you have let the Holy Spirit in!

As we prepare for the resurrection this month, think about what this means to you and your faith journey. May the journey provide you with hope, healing, and guidance in the days and years to come.

In Christ,
Kris Blaney,
Jr. Warden



New Parish Relations Coordinator

Christ Church has a new Parish Relations Coordinator, YAY!!

Dawne Mettes has joined the Christ Church team and we welcome her!

We will have a write up for her in the next Caller so stay tuned for more information.

Dawne is still getting acclimated to the job, we ask you be patient with this transition. Please feel free to stop in and say 'hi' and introduce yourself to her.

**Church office hours:
Tuesday – Thursday: 9-5**



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Faithful Innovations Team Update

Your Faithful Innovations team is wrapping up with our last get together with the southeastern MN group in Faribault on April 29. As our final project, we would like to install a reflection bench outside on our church property. It was our team member Kathleen Malinchoc's idea, and we would like to honor that, and have it be in her memory. We will be fundraising to make this happen. Watch for more info!

If you're wondering what happened to the prayer wall, it is down for now, but will be back out next fall as the holiday season approaches.

Tasked with thinking of an item to go with our new flyer and letter for the Welcome Wagon that reaches Red Wing's newcomers, we came up with a magnet with our church logo and times of our worship services. Great idea, Angela!

Thanks for your help as we navigated this new journey. We'll let you know when we hear if this program will be offered in the future. We enjoyed being a part of it and look forward to another one if it happens.

Blessings:

Tari Carpenter

Angela Shefveland

Pat Martin

The Community Engagement Team

Would you like to be part of a group that is committed to serving those in need in our community? We would love to have you join us. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 8th at 10:30am (our usual 2nd Saturday of the month). Here are the latest needs for our community. Please contribute as you are able.

- **Food Shelf:** TOILET PAPER, baked beans, peanut butter, and other non-perishable food items. Labeled bins are located in the Parish Hall entryway and in the back of the church.
- **Coat Shed:** Please drop off any you are finished with this season on the bench outside the church office. The shed is closing for the season soon.
- **Hope Coalition:** diapers, wipes, and gas gift cards. Labeled bin is in the Parish Hall entryway. Thank you.

We welcome Carol Pastorius to the Welcome Wagon ministry. She assembles packets and mails them out to new residents in our community monthly. Thanks, Carol!

We are looking for someone to help shepherd a driving ministry. There are parishioners who could use transportation support. This person could even partner with Faith in Action. Is that someone you?



There are still two more opportunities for hosting 3rd Fridays. Will you step forward to host? See Deacon Vicki, if you are willing.

The Hospitality Team Needs Help!

This team of hard-working folks provides hospitality for a number of events throughout the year. We are a small group and we need help from more parishioners.

The duties are simple, and we need a list of volunteers who are willing to provide baked goods and help with events, especially the cleaning up part.

Please contact Marm Nihart at (651) 385-9140 and add your name to the list.



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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday

8:00am Eucharist Service
10:00am Eucharist Service

Wednesday

9:30am Weekly Service with gospel
discussion and communion
6:00pm Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Agape Meal and
Holy Communion Service

Good Friday

7:00pm Worship Service

Holy Saturday

8:00pm Easter Vigil in the Church

Easter Sunday

9:00am One Eucharist Service
in the Church

During Holy Week and Easter, we remember the events that led up to the death and resurrection of Jesus and celebrate the central tenant of our faith. Holy Week culminates on Easter Sunday, which celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

You are invited to join us for Holy Week services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, communion, and reflection.

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CGS Kids! News

by Heather Flueger-Whalen

Every year, every month, every week, every day, every hour, every minute, every second, every nano-second I say, 'Please, help me be better'.

I have many 'be better'; eating sweets in any form, stuffing 10lbs into a 5lb bag on a daily basis, food YUM, being present, exercising-ish, working hard and still hardly working....

I think you get the point.

Thank the Lord above we have been given all this time to 'be better'.

I look at the lovely children and youth of our church and marvel at all they do, every day, to 'be better'; crawling/walking/running/sprinting, sports, school, homework, the arts, relationships, a growing mind & body, driving, learning, Learning, LEARNING...

I think you get the point.

We expect so much from them. If we think about all that time the Lord above gave us, a large chunk of learning is smushed into only a 1/4 of it. Look at it another way, we only have a 1/4 of that lovely life to 'be better'; parents, mothers, fathers, grandparents, guardians, friends, mentors, guides, role-models to children and youth.

During this month of light and life, **Pause. Think. Implement.** You'll 'be better' for our children and youth.



Easter Lilies

Christ Church has a long tradition of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. Parishioners can sign up for one or more plants in memory of, or in thanksgiving for special ones in their lives. **Easter this year is April 9.** The cost is \$15.00.

Sign up on the Bulletin Board
or through the website www.christchurchrw.org



Our Partners in God's Work: Goodhue County Resource Center

NEW HOURS:

Monday 11am—4pm
Tuesday 12pm—7pm
Thursday 11am—4pm
Friday 11am—4pm



Helping families and individuals access resources in our community.



- Housing
- Physical & Mental Health
- Chemical Dependency
- Legal Services
- Child Care
- Eviction Litigation
- Transportation
- Education
- Employment
- Pregnancy
- Food
- Social Services
- And More...



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Mark Your Calendars!

Area kids and Youth Happenings!

by Heather Flueger-Whalen

Sunday April 2nd

- 9:00~10:40 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- o 10:00 Blessing of the Palms, we will wave our palm fronds, walk outside to the church, then walk right back upstairs to the atrium.
- o Parable of the Yeast. We are baking bread!
- ALL DAY sign up for Environmental Learning Center summer programs.

Sunday April 9th

- Easter Sunday—One Service
- o **No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Sunday April 16th

- 9:00~10:40 CGS Liturgy of the Light Presentation in the Atrium. *All are Welcome to join us!*

Thursday April 20th

- 6:30-8:30 MOPS aka MOMS in the Parish Hall. Moms get together to support and encourage each other in their role as moms from conception to adulthood.

Saturday April 22nd

- ALL DAY Earth Day!
- 6:30-8:30 ELC Wild and Scenic Film Festival and Silent Auction

Sunday April 23rd

- 9:00~10:40 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 11:00-2:00 Kids Picnic and Craft Parish Hall

Sunday April 30th

- 9:00~10:40 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 11:00-1:00 Goodhue 4H Hog Roast, ask a CGS kid about tickets!

First Sunday Celebration



Sunday, May 7

8am—Worship

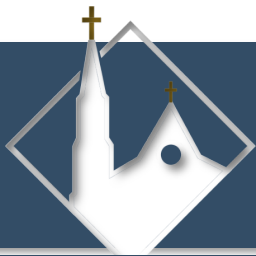
9am—Wellness Hour

Mindfulness and Stress Reduction
by Joyce Koerner, MPS, LPCC

10am—Worship

11am—Potluck

12pm—Tony Cuchetti
mini-concert



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April 2023 Scheduled Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 PALM SUNDAY Palm Sunday The Rev Colin Malbie presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	3 12p Junior Guild	4	5 9:30a Eucharist w/ discussion 5:30p Hospitality Meeting 6p Evening Prayer 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6pm Agape Meal – Maundy Thursday Service	7 GOOD FRIDAY 7pm Good Friday Service	8 HOLY SATURDAY 10:30a Community Engagement Team (CET) 10:30am Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) Training 8pm Easter Vigil
9 EASTER The Rev Nick Mezacapa presiding 9am Eucharist—One Service	10	11 5:30p Property Committee	12 9:30a Eucharist 5pm Women's AA 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15 9:30am ECW Meeting
16 The Rev Colin Malbie presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	17	18	19 9:30a Eucharist 5pm Women's AA 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30pm MOPS	21 5:30pm Third Friday Fun	22
23 <i>Clergy's Discretionary Fund</i> The Rev Aaron Twait presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist 11:30 Safe Church training	24 4:30pm Altar Guild - Parish Hall 5pm AAUW Meeting Parish Hall	25 4:30p Altar Guild	26 9:30a Eucharist 5pm Women's AA 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 The Rev Chris Beebe presiding 8a Eucharist 9a CGS 10a Eucharist	<div> <h3>Christ Episcopal Church Women Day of Renewal</h3> <p>On Saturday, March 18, the Rev. Chelsea Stanton presented a day of reflection on the actions of Jesus. This was a day of mutual learning and wondering. All who attended were enriched.</p> </div>					





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April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Darius Wyaus
3 Charlie Brown
13 Pat Martin
14 Christine Foss
Norma Neufeldt

16 Elaine Hoisington
18 Gwenny Fanslow
27 Chris Knutson
28 Malla Knutson
30 Brad Knutson

Anniversaries

18 John and Maureen Blue
20 Jeanette and Mike Wilson

Altar Memorial Flowers for April

April 2

Chapel
Church

In loving memory of my Mother - Heather, Willow & Todd Whalen
In thanksgiving for Jaysa—Love Mom and Gabe

April 9– EASTER

April 16

Chapel
Church

In loving memory of Marion and Jim Teele Jamie and Laura Teele
In memory of Lucille Eke and her parents Eke Memorial Fund

April 24

Chapel

Church

In memory of husband, Bob and sister, Lenore Marm Nihart

In thanksgiving for Zoey, Josie and Everett John and Maureen Blue



Please contact Maureen Blue to sign up for a date during Holy Week, or any other time of the year. Phone 651-385-0574 or email: maureenblue108@yahoo.com