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Worship Services

Sunday Worship

8:00 am Traditional

10:30 am Contemporary

9:15 am Adult Education

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

Holy Communion

Communion is served at both services every Sunday.

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Church Staff

Pastor - Philip Reimers

Ministers - All of our People

Youth Director - Youth Council

Music Director - Patrick Stone

Choir Director - Elinore Quander

Office Manager - Stephanie Park

Council Members

Nonie Willis - President

Mark Selman - Vice-President

Pastor's Message

Life in Community

I wanted to continue with the thoughts I shared in the sermon Sunday on the theme of Right with Others and Church family. The sermon revolved around our recent care for a young couple in need. While there were some very specific things that arose around the situation for me what came to light were the broader questions revolving around relationship. Life in community and life in relationship is amazingly challenging. We all know this. We all have had good relationships and difficult relationships. We have relationships that were good at one time and went bad at another. We know both the complete joy and love that comes from relationship and the great pain and utter despair that comes from relationships. And the more people that are interacting on any given thing the more complex it becomes. We all have different histories, personalities, wounds, approaches, strengths and weaknesses.

Have you ever thought about giving up on a particular relationship, or even becoming a hermit and avoiding relationships all together? Sadly, I have. Especially when things start to go wrong there can be a huge temptation to just run away, avoid the work and potential additional pain that could come. I will even acknowledge there are no guarantees even if you put yourself out there that it will necessary all work out.

But even with that I can't even begin to express how important it is to give it our best and work at our relationships. While there are many people who are good communicators it is also something that everyone can work at to be better. To be thoughtful, careful, gentle, and loving with our words. To be genuinely interested in other people and learn to listen so that words of healing and restoration can be offered. I don't have a study with real statistics but from my life experience I would venture to guess that more than half of the broken relationships, strained friendships, disagreements in churches were not because of huge evil offenses, or even extreme ideological differences; they arose out of something poorly spoken or misinterpreted. No hurt was intended but great pain was taken on. Sure, there are some just plain mean even evil people in the world, but most hurt comes from carelessness or clumsy people doing their best.

Three practical things can really help with this. First, always assume the best in others. If we assume the best it is likely conversations and attempts at reconciliation will go much better. Second, never cut off communication unless it is clear that the other person is truly intending harm. When communication doesn't occur rifts grow very quickly. Third, always bring it to God. Pray for

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Eunice Bollinger-Outreach/Missions
Paul Mohrmann - Prop & Grounds
Open - Stewardship
Vicki Thompson - Worship & Music
Open - Youth & Family

doesn't occur this grow every quickly. Third, always bring it to God. Pray for the other person, pray for yourself, pray for others to help in the journey. Pray for forgiveness if forgiveness is required. Pray for a right heart and mind to navigate the situation.

I do pray for all our relationships at Church of the Cross. I pray for our relationship with ourselves. I pray for our relationship with our families. I pray for our relationship with others and our church family. And I pray for our most important relationship with our loving God. May we all grow in the health and strength of all our relationships.

See you in church,

Pastor Philip

Email: pastorphilip@l-c-c.org



Welcome Visitors

We want to welcome last month's visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us!



Lenten Suppers

Jill Hansen

Along with the Lenten Services planned through March 21st, we have the traditional Lenten Supper, serving from 6:00 PM until service starts at 7:00 PM. All LCC members have been assigned a Team Leader who will be contacting you to see if you are available to provide food for the Wednesday they are leading. If you have not been contacted, and want to participate, please let Jill Hansen know, and she will get you on a team. It's lots of fun and so appreciated by all who are attending. Thanks for your support.



Sign up to sponsor flowers on the chart posted in the Fellowship Hall or talk to Stephanie in the church office. The cost is \$30 for two bouquets and you get to take them home following the last service! Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful during our Sunday services.

Good Friday

Vicki Thompson

On Good Friday, we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. This had to happen in order for us to receive the joy of Easter. The cross is where great suffering and God's forgiveness converge, and we are saved by His divine grace.

Please join us as this story of tremendous love is told through beautiful music by our choir. If there is enough interest, child care will be provided. Please RSVP to Stephanie at info@l-c-c.org, so we can plan for staffing. The Good Friday service is on March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Saints Alive!

"We have heard of your faith, O saints, and we are glad to hear that you are still alive and well."

faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all our saints..." Col. 1:4

We give thanks for all people who have helped support our life together as a community of faith!

Tenebrae

Elinore Quander

The Chapel Choir of Lutheran Church of the Cross, will be presenting a Tenebrae cantata on Good Friday, **March 30**, at 7 pm. The service is "The Shadow of the Cross", arranged and composed by Lloyd Larson, a wonderful collection of contemporary and classic music that focuses on the final hours of Jesus' life and crucifixion. This service is a reminder of the magnitude of God's love; a love so great that it continues through all time and eternity.

For shadows to exist, there must be light. The traditional 7 candles of the Tenebrae service will be extinguished during the singing and narrations. All are welcome. The journey to the resurrection Alleluias of Easter begins with the story of Jesus' final hours. Please join us.



Love Offering

Each month we will highlight an outreach or special ministry. Loose cash offerings and designated offerings will be given directly to those ministry opportunities.

In February we collected **\$394 for the Evergreen Emergency Shelter**

March Love Offering
The Enlighten Foundation - Project Sparkle provides early education to Yezidi Kurdish children living in impoverished villages in Armenia. Local Kurdish women are also educated on relevant health issues, personal development, literacy, computer skills and business development. <https://enlightenfoundation.org/our-work/#project>

Men's Bible Study



Our Men's Bible Study is scheduled for the *first* and *third* Thursday of the month.

Contact Mike Lofing with any questions - mllofing@gmail.com

Thursday, March 1 - 6:30 am
 Thursday, March 15 - 6:30 am

Please join us in the church fellowship hall.

Women's Bible Study



Easter Brunch

Don't forget to sign up for a food item to share at the Easter Brunch on **April 1st**. The sign-up poster is just outside of the Sanctuary. We will be enjoying this feast in celebration of our risen Lord in between services at 9:00 AM. He Is Risen!!!! There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the 2nd Service!

Contact [Jill Hansen](#) with any questions.



March Service Helpers

Schedule - March 2018									
March 2018		Usher	Serve Communion	Read	Coffee	Altar Set/Clean	Sunday Bible Fun	Children's Church	Flower Pick Up
4	8:00am				Weisenborns	Linda Mohrmann	Suzanne	Marcee & Art	NONE
	10:30am	Hansens	Greta D & Suzanne	Beth A Filson	Suzanne & Hanna Holt	Marlene S			
11	8:00am	Rich & Karen Miller	Mike Lofing	Mike Lofing	Lofings	Linda Mohrmann	Art Martin	Mike & Carole	NONE
	10:30am	Theisens	Marlene S & Janet Miller	Janet Miller	Von Thuns	Sue Chy			
18	8:00am	Houstons	Shelly	Russ Houston	Inmans	Shelly H	Jackie	Elizabeth & Peter	NONE
	10:30am	Nevilles	Greta D & Sue Chy	Claire O'Brien	Sue Chy & Jackie M	Pat Roske			
PALM SUNDAY									
25	8:00 AM	Strains	Rose	Orville	Lofings	Deanna	Chari	Larry & Brad	
	10:30 AM	Bollingers	Hansens	Greta D	George & Sally Faust	Greta			
3/29/18	7:00 PM	Houstons	Serve each other	Russ Houston	NONE	Shelly H	NONE	NONE	NONE
Maundy Thurs 3/30/18	7:00 PM	NONE Choir	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Good Friday									

NOTE: YOU SHOULD ONLY NEED TO SERVE COFFEE EVERY 6-8 WEEKS. Names with yellow highlight are personal choices. If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a replacement and let Stephanie know (info@www.l-c-c.org). Thanks in advance for your service to the Lord, Suzanne Pecoraro. suzpecrd@comcast.net

Study

Join the weekly Women's Bible Study on Tuesday morning at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion and DVD from the



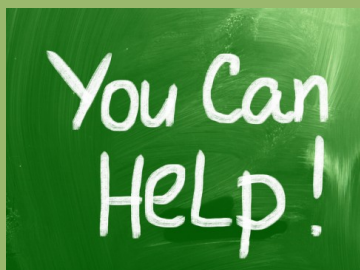
Beth Moore study "The Quest". All are welcome. Contact Eunice Bollinger for more information - eunice.b@comcast.net

LCC Library

Linda Mohrmann

The featured book for March is The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill. Corrie's family hid Jews during the German occupation of Holland. During her imprisonment, her strong faith shows us "how we can love those that hate us, how we can enter heaven in the midst of hell, how we can stay sane in a world that has lost its reason."

The library lists are complete and, in the binders, In the front of the binders is a chart showing where books are located by subject. Hopefully, this will make it easier to find books of interest you and encourage you to make use of the library.



Service Helpers Needed

We are always looking for helpers for Altar Guild, Sacrament Assistants, Ushers, Coffee Hour, Sunday School and Children's Church.

If you'd like to share your gifts in any of these categories please speak to [Suzanne Pecoraro](#).



Prayer Requests

Please remember to check the Prayer Request page on the back of the Sunday bulletin and contact the church office to update any prayer requests!



Reloadable Grocery Cards

We have joined the Reward Program with King Soopers! We now have \$5 reloadable grocery gift cards here at LCC! Just reload it and use it for all of your groceries! 5% of the sales will be donated to LCC! Contact Stephanie in the office for more information.

Happy Birthday!

3/04 Karen Miller
 3/04 Elizabeth Reimers
 3/06 Sara Esau
 3/06 Kelly Leinen
 3/14 Chris Theisen
 3/15 Conor Theisen
 3/16 Laurie Olson
 3/17 Beth Andersen-Filson
 3/21 Jackson Darrow
 3/21 Jillian Darrow
 3/21 Zane Houston
 3/23 Liz Tullberg
 3/28 Kaleb Masco
 3/31 Angel Walters

Volunteers Needed to Lead Ministry Teams for Outreach Projects

In our efforts to do more and be seen more in our community, we have a few projects that we feel would be a great way to get that started. We need volunteers to lead a Ministry Team in the following projects:

- Ministry Team Leader needed: LCC Float for the Evergreen Rodeo Parade (the parade is held in June)
- Ministry Team Leader needed: LCC Basketball Tournament
- Women Of the Word members will lead the ECHO Summer Food Preparation and Drop Off - (1 week in June, July & August) watch for notifications on how you can be part of the team

If you have a heart for any of these projects, or have an idea for something new, please contact Eunice Bollinger at eunice.b@comcast.net.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10





Happy Anniversary!

- 3/01 Paul & Linda Mohrmann
- 3/05 Kim & Marcia Osteros
- 3/06 Howard (Skip) & Laurie Olson
- 3/20 Russ & Shelly Houston



WV
Women of the Word & Wayne!

**Enjoy a Family Fun-Filled
Night of Comedy and Song**

Friday, May 4th
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Show is 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Snacks and drinks provided
Tickets \$3, under 12 Free

For more information contact
Jill Hansen: 303-884-2790

Wayne Faust

Mission Statement:

As people of Church of the Cross, we proclaim the Love of Jesus Christ in all we do for the Glory of God.

