

Good News

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

April 2021

This is Christ's church, and
there is a place for you here!

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LCOR's 2021
CHURCH COUNCIL

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| Pastor | Rev. Paul T. Christian |
| President | Dean Freeburn |
| Vice President | Bill Banze |
| Treasurer | Brian Barnes |
| Outreach | Peggy Connors |
| Property | Gregory Bergeret Bruce Smith |
| Stewardship | Christan Stager |
| Worship | Dee Christian |

Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:6

A Word from LCOR's Council President

The Congregational Council met on Sunday March 14th. The annual reports for 2020 are all in and the completed report will be sent out shortly. Much progress is being made to completing the new LCOR web page. Our new constitution has been completed and will be presented on April 25th at the called meeting of the membership after the service that day. Our strategic planning meetings are going well. We decided to extend our goals a bit farther into the future to get a picture of where we want to be and are creating a plan to achieve our goals. We had more members attend the last meeting than we have had at previous sessions. We also accomplished much more than we had in the past. We will be meeting again by Zoom on April 27th at 6:30 pm The invitation is still standing for any member of the congregation to join these gatherings to find out what we are accomplishing and/or participate in the conversation. You do not need to have Zoom on your computer to sign in. The link to Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://vasynod-org.zoom.us/j/81484207890?pwd=ZS9QUk80SlhkekNqQUVmZHJJbGZJQT09>

Meeting ID: 814 8420 7890

Plans are being made for a yard sale this summer, and Oktoberfest in October. The application for the Serving Boldly Award has been sent to the Synod with Dee Christian being nominated by the Congregation Council. Great news- The council has approved to new members to continue the terms of Christan Stager and Marva Farrington after their departure. Christan will be leaving us on May 8th and Marva has already moved. Marva will be continuing some of her duties for a bit longer from her distant location. The new members of the council are Kelley Sharp for Stewardship and Peggy Connors for Outreach which consists of Evangelism and Social Ministry. Please support them by joining their committees if you are able. Bruce Smith and his committee are hard at work designing a new locking system for the doors though out our building There have been some bites on leasing the chapel, but they were too small. We threw them back. We will have a lot going on during Holy Week and starting Palm Sunday. I hope that everyone has a great and uplifting Easter Holiday!

Thank you for all you are and do,

Dean Freeburn

Dean Freeburn
Church Council President

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Worship Notes

By Dee Christian, Worship Committee Chair

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! This is the call and response often heard on Easter morning. It is the sound of Christians declaring their risen Lord and Savior as very much alive and at work in the world today. It is the day we wait for. After our long journey through Lent, we can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and his power over death and the grave! So Easter morning and throughout the Easter season, be sure to tell the world: Christ is Risen! He is RISEN INDEED!!!

➤ Upcoming Services and Activities

- April 1 - Maundy Thursday - Service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.
- April 2 – Good Friday – Service of the Word at 7 p.m.
- April 4 – Easter - Service with Holy Communion at 10:15 a.m.
- April 11 – Easter 2 – Service of the Word at 10:15 a.m. with Rev. Dennis Anderson
- April 18 – Easter 3 - Service with Holy Communion at 10:15 a.m.
- April 25 – Easter 4 – Service of the Word at 10:15 a.m.

Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all who serve as worship assistants! We are in need of volunteers to help with our worship experience, especially on the altar guild. If you are interested in helping out on any of the subcommittees or just want to know more about what each does, you can talk to one of the following members:

Altar Guild – Edna May

Usher Board – Bart Connors

Music/Choir – Cindy Nicol

Soundboard – Melissa Watts

Lay/Communion Assistant/Acolyte – Dee Christian

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Spread the Word!

Did you know that our church services are streamed live on Facebook each Sunday morning? If you can't make it to church on a Sunday, be sure to join us on Facebook Live at [Lutheran Church | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/our.redeemer.49) (https://www.facebook.com/our.redeemer.49). Tell your friends, too. Perhaps they would like to see how a traditional Lutheran worship service is conducted.

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Easter Breakfast.

Come celebrate the joy of Easter with us at our annual potluck breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Easter morning, April 4th. No need to sign up, just bring a dish, drink or side to share! Hope to see you there.

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WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE in April

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| April 1, 2021 | Maundy Thursday | 7:00 P.M. | |
| Lay Assistant: Kelly Sharpe | Sound Board: Martina Smith | | |
| Acolyte: Emily Christian | Organist: Cindy Nicol | | |
| Videographer: ??? | Ushers: Bart Connors | | |
| Tellers: Hold for Sunday | Altar Guild: Pemberton/Sharpe | | |
| April 2, 2021 | Good Friday | 7:00 P.M. | |
| Lay Assistant: Dee Christian | Sound Board: Melissa Watts | | |
| Acolyte: Elizabeth Christian | Organist: Cindy Nicol | | |
| Videographer: ??? | Ushers: Peggy Connors | | |
| Tellers: Hold for Sunday | Altar Guild: Knight/SB Bergeret | | |
| April 4, 2021 | Easter Sunday | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Lay Assistant: Kelly Sharpe | Sound Board: Melissa Watt | | |
| Acolyte: Emily Christian | Organist: Cindy Nicol | | |
| Videographer: ??? | Ushers: Sarah Riser | | |
| Tellers: B Smith / D Christian | Altar Guild: E May | | |
| April 11, 2021 | 2nd Sunday of Easter | Rev Dennis Anderson | 10:15 A.M. |
| Lay Assistant: Christan Stager | Sound Board: Martina Smith | | |
| Acolyte: Isaac Watts | Organist: Cindy Nicol | | |
| Videographer: ??? | Ushers: Scott Watts | | |
| Tellers: B Smith/K Sharpe | Altar Guild: Pemberton/Sharpe | | |
| April 18, 2021 | 3rd Sunday of Easter | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Lay Assistant: Martina Smith | Sound Board: Mark McLaine | | |
| Acolyte: Elizabeth Christian | Organist: Cindy Nicol | | |
| Videographer: ??? | Ushers: Bill Banze | | |
| Tellers: P Propst/M Watts | Altar Guild: Knight / Bergeret | | |
| April 25, 2021 | 4th Sunday of Easter | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Lay Assistant: Dee Christian | Sound Board: Martina Smith | | |
| Acolyte: Emily Christian | Organist: Cindy Nicol | | |
| Videographer: ??? | Ushers: Melissa Smith | | |
| Tellers: B Smith/G Bergeret | Altar Guild: E May | | |

Outreach Team
(Evangelism and Social Ministry Committees)
Reaching Out to Our Neighbors

Members:

Pastor Paul & Dee Christian
Peggy & Bart Connors
Dean Freeburn
Ruth Knight

David & Jeane Pemberton
Paul & Mary Propst
Gerlinde Smith
Martina Smith

The Outreach Team last met on March 16th via ZOOM. Even though our Team cannot reach out to our neighbors due to COVID restrictions as we'd like to, we forge on as we are able.

We continue to support the Downtown Churches United (DCU) in Feeding the Hungry through the Hope Center in Petersburg. In January there were 2,020 meals served to the hungry.

On February 26th we delivered 100 lunches, that had been lovingly prepared by LCOR members, to help feed the hungry through the DCU. We will have another opportunity to help those in need in April.

Although I have not been the chair of the Outreach Team long, I have thoroughly enjoyed the vision the team has, and was looking forward to when we could meet again in person. But if you hadn't heard, I have moved to New Jersey to be closer to family. I was fortunate and my house was under contract in three days. Peggy Connors has graciously step up to finish out my term. As a team I know there will be great things accomplished.

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Homeless bags

Members are encouraged to take a bag or two from the table in the Narthex to keep in your car to help out others in need. The bags are stuffed with items that can help a person down on their luck – bottle of water, food items (may need to be replaced), toiletry items, tissues, a hand-written inspirational quote, even a pair of socks, and can be easily handed out your car window! Please help spread the love of God to those in need

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Feeding the Hungry

Calling all the experienced and not so experienced lunch bag packers.

On April 18th after the worship service, we again will prepare bagged lunches to feed the hungry at the Hope Center on Monday April 19th.

It takes only about 30 minutes when everyone works together to make 100 sandwiches and to fill 100 lunch bags.

Please plan to help in the fellowship hall - training provided!

If you have questions please talk to Peggy Connors or call (443) 386-1034.



Scriptures for April Sunday Services

April 4th

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

April 18th

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 11th

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

April 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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Check it out!

Our new website is up and running! It has new added features like a contact us page as well as links to our monthly newsletters, Facebook, YouTube videos of our worship services and our gallery of pictures on Flickr. Lots of information about who we are, what we do and what we believe. You might even see a familiar face. Take a look at www.lcor.net.

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Help Wanted

Church Council is seeking someone to complete and distribute the monthly Good News newsletter. Anyone who is interested should speak to Pastor or any council member about the requirements.

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Spring Yard Sale

Plans are in the making to hold our annual Community Spring Yard sale on Saturday, June 5, 2021. After a year of staying home and purging items, several neighbors are planning to join in with their own sales on the same day and make it a community event. Donations for the yard sale are still being accepted. Leave your gently used items in the downstairs hallway or take them to the bowling alley storage area under the sanctuary. For more information, contact Dee Christian.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



April 2021

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| Edna May | 1 st | | | |
| Troy Sharpe | 7 th | | Larry & Kim Smith | 18 th |
| Morgen Collier | 19 th | | Greg & Connie Gladin | 26 th |
| Larry Smith | 22 nd | | | |



Strategic Planning

Church Council is participating in a Strategic Planning endeavor to help focus the congregation's efforts toward a brighter future. The council would like to have everyone in our congregation participate in the planning sessions. Strategic Planning follows a process which will help our congregation determine our vision for the future of our church, decide on our mission, and set goals and objectives to guide our path to successfully move toward attaining our vision. The Council has been meeting with Rev. John Wertz, Assistant to the Bishop for the Virginia Synod, who has been helping to guide our conversations toward quantifiable and measurable outcomes. The meetings have been conducted approximately every two weeks via Zoom. Would you like to share your visions and input into the process? We would love to hear from you! Anyone who has an interest in joining or who is just a wee bit curious about the discussions is invited to join in. Just contact a council member who can provide the Zoom link for our next meeting in April. We hope you will lend your voice to this concerted effort. For more information, please talk to any of our council members.

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Our Mission: Reflect the Love of Jesus
Christ In Thought, Word and Deed!

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 28 Palm Sunday 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service of the Word | March 29 | March 30 | March 31 | April 1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service | 2  7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service | 3 |
| 4 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Easter Potluck Breakfast 10:15 AM Worship with Communion | 5 |  6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service of the Word | 12 7:15 PM Neighborhood Watch | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship with Communion Pack lunches for the hungry 11:30 AM Church Council | 19 Feeding the Hungry Hope Center, Petersburg | 20 | 21 10:30 AM NARFE Mtg 12:00 PM DCU Mtg | 22 | 23 | 24  |
| 25 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship Service of the Word Congregational Meeting | 26 | 27 6:30 PM Strategic Planning Mtg - Zoom | 28 | 29 | 30 | May 1 |