

Focus on Christ

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

**CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!**

Christ Lutheran Church

*A Christ-caring
community*

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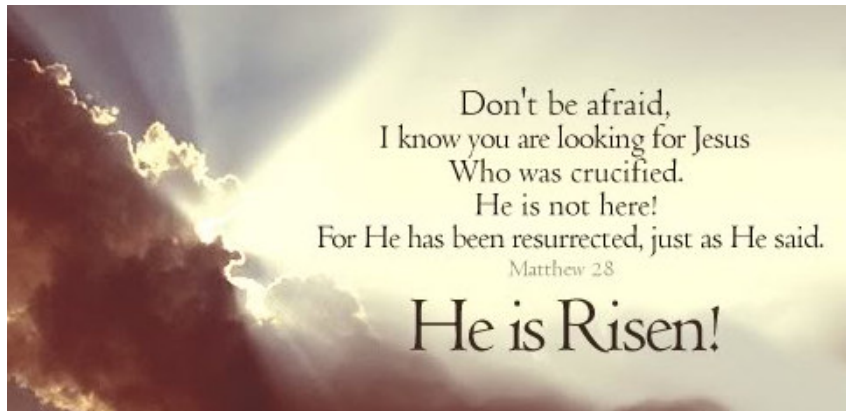
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Easter Prayer

Jesus, you are risen! You are with me. Keep me ever mindful of how you are a part of my life in a deep and profound way. Surprise me with a touch of your love in places where I never thought that I would find you. Fill my heart with hope. May the gift of your presence transform every ordinary moment of mine into a sacred place where you dwell. Help me to see this gift through the eyes of faith. Fill me with your peace. Amen. --Pastor Sharon



Special offerings, for Easter and the remaining year, will be given to ELCA Disaster Relief for assistance with earthquake victims. You are invited to place loose change in the aquarium in the narthex for CHANGE for Haiti!

A very special thanks

We wish to thank all who participated and served during Holy Week-Easter services and the activities surrounding them. Thanks also to Arlin and Melissa for their leadership in planning the music that so enriched the services. It is our hope that you will continue to INVITE others to join in worship at CLC.

Thank you from the Asante group

Dear Sylvia (Gott),

Thank you and your co-workers for inviting us and sharing Asante Network at Christ Lutheran Church. It was a successful, fun day.

We are thankful to have had the opportunity to display our items and the chance to share a little of our story with you. Lives will be touched in Tanzania and Uganda because of your love and support.

Worker with you in "The Kingdom" --Pat Daily

The card Pat used to send the "Thank You" was on a beautiful hand-made recycled card. The envelope was also recycled and the cover of the card has this gorgeous real flower imprint.

The weeks to come

Mon., Apr. 5	9 AM – 2 PM	Senior Center
	4:30 PM	Cub Scouts
	7 PM	Yoga
Tues., Apr. 6	3:30 PM	Vale Service
	4:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Worship/Music
		Team meeting
	7 PM	AA meeting
Wed., Apr. 7	7 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	8 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thur., Apr. 8	<i>11:30 AM</i>	<i>Lunch Bunch</i>
	<i>6 PM</i>	<i>Relay for Health</i>
	7:30 PM	UCC Choir
Sat., Apr. 10	9 AM	Yoga
	10:30 AM	UCC Bible Study
	6 PM	AA Meeting
Sun., Apr. 11	8:45 AM	Choir
	10 AM	Worship Service
	12 PM	UCC Mira Vista
	7 PM	Al-Anon
Mon., Apr. 12	9 AM – 2 PM	Senior Center
	7 PM	Yoga
Tues., Apr. 13	1:30 PM	UCC Bible Study
	3:30 PM	Vale Service
	7 PM	AA meeting
Wed., Apr. 14	7 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	8 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Apr. 15	6 PM	Jam Session
	7:30 PM	UCC Choir
Sat., Apr. 17	9 AM	AAUW Book Club
	6 PM	AA Meeting
Sun., Apr. 18	8:45 AM	Adult Forum
	10 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Steering Team
	12 PM	UCC Mira Vista
	<i>3:15 PM</i>	<i>Care Counseling</i>
	7 PM	Al-Anon

Prayer List

We would like to be as current as possible on the prayer list that goes out once a month with the most recent monthly calendar. If you have someone on the list that can be removed or you would like to add someone that needs prayer, please let us know by:

- dropping a note in Denise's box located in the Communication Center in the Fellowship Hall,
- emailing the deletion or addition to office@christlutheranelcerrito.org, or
- calling a leaving a message at 524-1050.

Thank you.

CLC celebrates YOU...

- April 12 Randy Mayer
- April 13 Paul Vergun / Ivy Robinson
LeeAnn Odle
- April 14 Terry Broderick
- April 15 Evelyn Stewart / Isabella Vergun
- April 17 Ariella Bjelland
- April 22 Sergio Garcia
- April 24 Mark Guthrie
- April 25 Joyce Stoner
- April 30 Liz & Mike Smith's anniversary



Save the date! Mark your calendars! Help us make this fundraiser a great success

CLC has had a lot of repairs done lately and more are to come (per the upkeep and repair required of any dwelling). All together, we have incurred a debt above and beyond what our budget can handle. As a result, the Steering Team has been coming up with fundraising ideas. The first one is in partnership with our local Pasta Pomodoro located in the El Cerrito Plaza.



With a specific flyer*, they will give us a percentage of the lunch, dinner and take-out proceeds collected on **Monday, April 12**

*You can get a flyer, or as many as you want by either logging onto www.christlutheranelcerrito.org and clicking on the menu item "CLC Pasta Pomodoro Fundraiser" and printing the .pdf flyer, or by picking up a copy at church (in the Narthex and/or on the tables, both in the Crossing and Fellowship Hall). Please print or pick up as many as you may need for yourself and for others you invite. You may go there for lunch, dinner or take-out food. Just present your flyer at the time you make your order on **April 12 only**.

Please consider asking a friend or neighbor to join you or give them a flyer to use on their own. It will be a fun and festive occasion!

Financial update as of 03/28/2010

General: actual \$40,834, needed \$39,103

HARP: actual \$1,690, needed \$2,400

WHAT IS HARP?

For those folks new to our community, you may not be aware of the major remodeling of the office and bathroom areas that made our building handicapped accessible-thus the name Handicap Accessible Restroom Project. Members have made pledges to pay off this loan. If you have not already pledged to the project, please know that we welcome all contributions that enable us to meet our loan payment. Each FOCUS newsletter lists what is needed and what has come in to meet that commitment, to-date.