

Join us for Easter!

Events begin Good Friday with 7 pm Service

We are so excited to celebrate Easter with you! Please invite your family and friends to join us in any or all of our upcoming events:

- Friday, March 30 -- Our Good
 Friday Service at 7 pm will be in the Worship Center.
- Sunday, April 1 -- Join us for Easter Brunch at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am in the

Children's Area. The Easter Service at 10:30 am in the Worship Center will coincide with the Children's Easter Festival at 10:30 am in the Children's Area. Our Easter Choir will help lead the service, with the message provided by new Family Life Pastor Arick Johanson. We will also take up our special 30 Pieces of Silver offering.





The **30 Pieces of Silver offering** is an annual giving opportunity that allows us to further honor God. Scripture describes how one of Jesus' disciples, Judas, accepted 30 pieces of silver as payment in exchange for betraying Jesus to the chief priests of Israel. This led to Jesus being arrested, beaten, and dying on the crucifix, before rising from the grave three days later. While we

30 Pieces of Silver
Offering
FOR VBS AT MANNA CAMP
Sunday, April 1

understand the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and that it could only come through His death in the way that it happened, Judas' betrayal of Jesus is difficult for us to accept. But God was always in control. God redeemed the 30 pieces of silver paid to Judas by influencing the chief priests to purchase a potter's field to bury strangers.

Our 30 Pieces of Silver offering gives us, too, the opportunity to rise above Judas' betrayal and to instead honor the sacrifice that Jesus made to redeem a lost and dying world. This special offering will bring us closer to reaching our goal of providing a camp to reach unchurched children in the area.

This summer, we are excited to announce that we will be offering our annual Vacation Bible School as a 4-day overnight camp at Manna Campgrounds near Spring Ranch, July 23-26 with registration on the evening of July 22. In order to allow as many area children to attend as possible, the 30 Pieces of Silver offering will provide camp scholarships to cover the cost for each child. We hope to provide scholarships for at least 100 children.

We ask each family to prayerfully consider giving \$30 toward this special offering.

We are thankful for the \$11,245.15 given through the 30 Pieces of Silver offering since 2015. We have been able to make great progress in our playground renovation, having now completed phase 1. Phase 2 of playground will start this Spring. The playground project is now to a point where we can turn our attention to other plans for our children's ministry, including improving our outreach through our summer VBS.

Each year, our week-long VBS ministers to nearly 100 children, ages 3 years to 5th grade, some who attend Clay Center Christian Church and others who do not. Our goal has always been for VBS to introduce Jesus to area children, with the hope that their families would then seek out a relationship with Jesus on an ongoing basis.

By transitioning VBS into an overnight camp, we feel led that God will have more lasting effect on these children and their families. Part of the camp schedule will be nightly worship times open to the public, including parents.

Our goal for this year's 30 Pieces of Silver offering is \$5,000 to provide scholarships to 100 area children. Giving above and beyond this amount will cover the registration cost for additional children to attend day camp activities if they choose not to stay overnight.

You may drop your special offering in a special envelope to be provided in this week's Easter Service bulletin, or you can note your offering on the check. You may also give online through our app (search for and download "ccchristian" from the App Store) or through our giving link.

For more information, contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org.

Upcoming Events

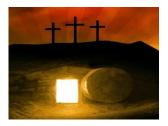


High school seniors planning to attend a
Bible College are encouraged to apply for
a Timothy Scholarship -- applications
can be picked up in the church office and
are due back to the church office
by **Easter Sunday, April 1** -- contact
the church office at 402-762-3824 or
office@ccchristian.org



Join in our new Ephesians Bible Class elective at 9:30 am on **Sunday, April 8** -- contact Lyle VonSpreckelsen at 402-984-1218





Join us at 10:30 am
this **Sunday, April 1**, for
our Easter Service -- new
Family Life Pastor Arick
Johanson will be giving the
morning message with our
Easter Choir leading
worship -- listen to past
sermons here



Couples are encouraged to attend the Weekend to Remember marriage retreat on **April 6-8** in Omaha -- register online and enter "claycenterchristian" in the group code -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Guest speaker Luke Kliewer of Miriam's

Hope, our April Mission of the Month,
will provide the sermon at 10:30 am on

Sunday, April 29 -- contact the church
office at 402-762-3824 or
office@ccchristian.org



There will be no C4 Youth Group this **Sunday**, **April**

1 -- join us again at 6:30 pm on **Sunday, April 8** -contact Steven VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-1707 or svon2002@gmail.com



Help us minister to the Harvard Rest Haven at 3 pm on **Sunday, April 15** -- contact Kevin Whitmore at 719-568-0154

Mission of the Month:

HOC

A ministry bringing the Gospel to Muslim nations

Read the <u>latest updates</u> from all the missions we support



Join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch following the worship service on **Sunday, May 6** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or <u>office@ccchristian.org</u>



Help us celebrate Mother's Day with a
Brunch at 9 am on **Sunday, May 13** - contact the church office at
402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org

