

Angelos

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What's So Holy about Holy Week?!

Ho-ly /'hōlē/ - set apart for a high purpose, a quality that sets God apart from everything else.

"The cross is by a very long way the most irreligious object ever to find its way into the heart of faith."
Fleming Rutledge, 'The Crucifixion'



One of the things that I love about teaching is all the things I get to learn. Right now I'm teaching both 'The Magnificent Story' (sort of a biblical overview) and a Sunday morning class on the cross. This week they came together in a challenging way. In the Magnificent Story we looked at the call of Isaiah in Isaiah 6. That account begins like this: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

It's an awesome scene. The only word these angelic creatures around God can use to describe him is the word 'holy,' a word which is the most basic description of God in the Bible, a word that says this is what makes God different from everything else.

It's that idea that gave me pause as I'm thinking about 'Holy Week.' Has the world ever come up with something more unholy than crucifixion? Martin Hengel, a New Testament scholar who has done an exhaustive

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study of crucifixion in the ancient world, writes, “. . . it was an utterly offensive affair, ‘obscene’ in the original sense of the word.”

Obscene, but still we call the week in which Jesus died ‘holy week.’ And, I think, finally for good reason. If ‘holy’ is a word that can, at least initially, only be used of God, then the connection of a cross with God’s Son is indeed holy. Here we see the depth of God’s love. Here we see his awesome and awful judgment on human sin and rebellion. Here we see how deeply he identifies with suffering. Here we see the utterly altogether different way that God does his work. In a wonderful book I’m reading during Lent entitled ‘The Wood Between the Worlds’ author Brian Zahnd uses the word ‘kaleidoscope’ to describe the cross and what it means (‘kaleidoscope’ means ‘beautiful form’), “The meaning of the cross is not singular, but kaleidoscopic . . . I believe it safe to assume there are an infinite number of ways of viewing the cross of Christ as the beautiful form that saves the world.”

Because God has transformed the obscenity of the cross into the holy and beautiful way that he redeems the world, every year we get to enter into ‘Holy Week.’ This March, Holy week looks like this . . .

- March 24th: Palm Sunday (the morning sermon will focus on the last of the Seven Deadly Sins, pride, and connect it to Jesus’s death on our behalf). That afternoon at 3:00pm, we’ll have ‘The Resurrection Trail,’ an interactive way to experience all of Holy Week. This is an especially fun event for children and their families.
- March 28th: Maundy Thursday worship at noon and 7:00pm. The evening service will feature a repeat of Tracy’s wonderful St. Peter in prison drama.
- March 29th: Good Friday, the noon service is a meditative service centered on St. John’s passion account.
The 7:00pm service will be centered on the cross and the gospel passion story.
- March 30th: Saturday at 6:00pm: A brief Easter Vigil service that helps us prepare the sanctuary for Easter!
- March 31st: Easter! Three services at 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am. The 9:30 and 11:00 services will have Kids Club with Lyndi leading a special time for children. The 11:00 service is also a bit more contemporary in nature.

Set aside that week – make it a point to be at worship for each day! It’s holy! It’s beautiful! It’s how God changed everything!

Gratefully looking forward to a ‘kaleidoscopic’ week!

Pastor Ralf



Holy Week



In addition to what we usually do at a normal annual meeting (elect new council members, review the past year, hear a financial report) we'll also be voting on the council-proposed change to Lyndi's position from Parish Administrator to Lay-Pastor. Our vote will be to recommend to the Southwest Washington Synod that Lyndi be received as a Synod Authorized Minister. They will then vote on that and, if they vote positively, Lyndi will become a Lay-Pastor here with primary responsibilities in children and family ministries and some parish administration.

This represents a new way for Christ Lutheran to think about its staffing. It's exciting and visionary! Come be a part of a historic vote!

Pick up a copy of the proposed constitution with changes in the Gathering Place.

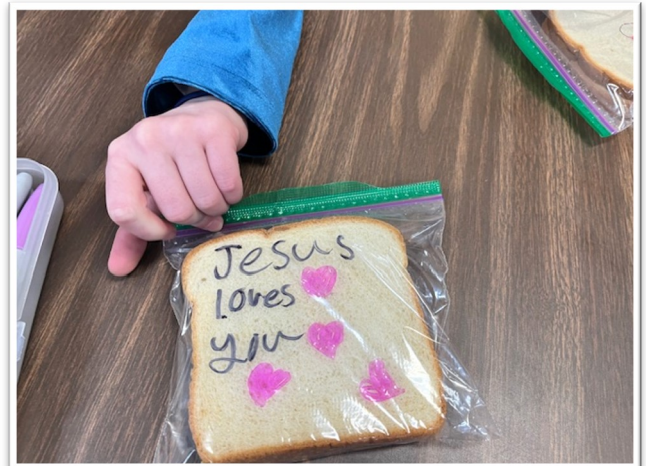
Youth Group

Our high school youth group continues to meet at Pastor Ralf's home on Wednesday evenings for dinner and a lesson. They are taking a short break during Lent, and instead are attending the Lenten evening worship services. They will resume after Easter.



Children and Families

Children and Family Ministry - Kids Club continues on Sunday mornings during both worship services. This past month we have made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Tacoma Rescue Mission, we made valentines for our Homebound members, and we have had fun learning more bible stories (Queen Esther, Daniel and the Lions, Moses the Baby and Peter and Cornelius).



Rooted

Our Rooted programming on Wednesday evenings continues to grow. A huge thank you to Francine Sumrell who prepares dinner for us most weeks, as well as Ben Clark who helps prepare and clean up. And thank you also to Lisa Korsmo who prepared Snow on the Mountain for us one evening so that Francine could enjoy a meal without preparing it. We average 13-19 kids on Wednesday evenings and they enjoy some fun games, a Bible lesson and a fun craft. Jack Roffler has continued to facilitate an adult class and they have been using an App Based Class provided through Bible Study Fellowship. Our Wednesday evening programming will resume the week after Easter.



Jazz Sunday & Souper Bowl

Thanks to our guest musicians and our Joyful Noise worship team for the AMAZING Jazz music for our Jazz Sunday!



We definitely scored a BIG TOUCHDOWN for the Tillicum Food bank with our SOUPer Bowl soup drive. The cans were counted and the final results were 289 cans!



Shrove Tuesday & Kids Ash Wednesday

We had a great time at our Shrove Tuesday pancake feast with 75 people attending. A big thank you to Dick Ferrell, Francine Sumrell and John Korsmo for cooking. Besides a delicious dinner, we played some fun games, made some Mardi Gras crafts and ended the evening with a short Ash Wednesday service for kids and families.



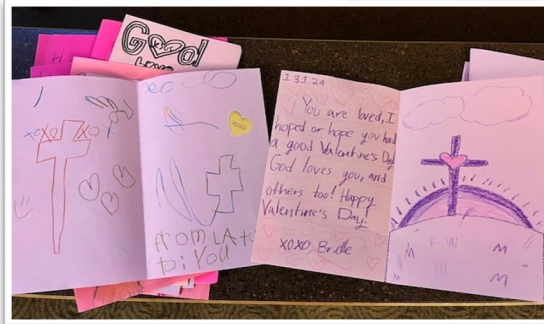
Valentines Dance

On February 17th, Kristi Roy spearheaded a fun Valentines Dance with food, fun, and fellowship. Thank you to all who helped make this event happen and all who came and had a fun evening!



Latchkey

Our Latchkey kids had fun this month with both the 100th day of school (they dressed up like 100 year olds) and also a fun Valentines Day party. Latchkey kids also made Valentine cards that were given to the people who worship on Thursdays!



Valentine Care Packages

A big thank you to Michele Green for organizing Valentine Cards that were sent to all our College Students. We also sent out 35 packages to our Homebound members full of valentines from our church and kids, as well as some fun puzzles for them to do.



Holy Week & Easter



Mark Your Calendar

Jazz Jam

Friday March 1st 7-9pm

Come and jam on standards, Latin, and blues grooves! We have a state-of-the-art sound system, a grand piano, and a full backline for your use. No Charge, Jazz Goodwill for everyone. Just tell us a key and we'll have it together. Not a singer? Just come and listen! Bring your whole family to our warm and welcoming space!

Altar Flowers

The sign-up for 2024 Altar flower opportunities is still available. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Friday email or see Aubrie at the welcome desk on Sunday mornings.



Missions & Outreach



Outreach is collecting PB&J sandwiches for Tacoma Rescue Mission's "Search & Rescue" team. One PB&J sandwich per plastic bag (creamy peanut butter is preferred). There will be a table to drop off the sandwiches in the Gathering Place.

The next PB&J Sunday is April 7th

Can You Help?

- Tillicum food bank regularly needs cereal, small jars of peanut butter, tuna, cans of soup, and pull-ups (sizes 2-3 and 4-5). Donations can be dropped off at the church Monday through Thursday, 8-4:30pm, and Sunday mornings.



- We have been filling lots of recycled pill bottles for Tillicum! We filled 397 pill bottles, using approximately 20 large bottles of shampoo. Thanks to all who bring in their empty pills to us. We could also use donations of shampoo for this project. Thanks!

Habitat for Humanity Snacks

Thank you to everyone who donated snacks for the Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

March 11-15, Habitat for Humanity will need donations for lunches for students volunteering for the week. More information to come.



Money Matters

January 2024 Offering and Expense Report	
YTD Offerings for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	56,304
YTD Reimbursable Receipts (Book Fees, Events, Reg.)	0
YTD Transfer from Sustaining Fund	6,775
YTD Total General Funds Available	63,079
YTD Expenses for Salaries, Utilities & Programs	63,079
Estimated General Fund Balance (end of Jan)	0

CLCW

CLCW will be having a planning meeting
Monday, March 4th @ 12:30pm in the Gathering Place.

Miriam Circle

10:00am Tuesday, March 26th in the Fireside Room.

Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, March 28th in the Alpha Room

Dorcas Circle

3:00pm Thursday, March 28th in the Alpha room.

2024 Women's Spring Retreat April 19-21

At Black Diamond Camp in Auburn.

Registration forms can be picked up in the Gathering Place.

Women's Monday Bible Study:

The Bible Study Group will be continuing our study of *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer. Through Priscilla's inspirational words, challenging questions, and prayer strategies, we are equipping ourselves with God's Armor! New members are welcome.

Prayer Group:

The Prayer Group will meet Monday morning after Bible study (around 11:15 AM). If you have prayer requests you may click on the prayer request "button" of the CLC updates email, or call the Church secretary. We celebrate the power of prayer; please, join us – no experience necessary!

CLC Book Group:

The CLC book club will be meeting the third Thursday of the month (3/21/2024), at our regular 10 AM time. We meet in the Alpha Room and can arrange to have a Zoom link available for those who cannot meet in person (please reach out to Mikel or Dee).

Our March selection is *The Wager* by David Grann. A tale of maritime scandal reconstructed with firsthand accounts through logbooks, correspondence, diaries, court-martial testimony and British government records.

The HMS Wager left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain. The Wager was shipwrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia. In 1742 two separate sets of survivors were found. Each set told a very different tale of what had happened aboard the Wager. As accusations of treachery and murder flew, the Admiralty convened a court martial to determine who was telling the truth. This is a tale of human behavior at its most desperate.

3/21/24	<i>The Wager</i> by David Grann
4/18/24	<i>The River We Remember</i> by William Kent Krueger
5/16/24	<i>The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store</i> by James McBride*
6/13/24	<i>Good Night, Irene</i> by Luis Alberto Urrea

Please join us. If you use the library for your books always check the availability of the selections as well as the Lucky Day shelves. *May's selection has been Amazon's and Barnes and Noble's Fiction Book of the Year, and June's book is popular, so you may want to get on a hold list.

If you would like more information for Women's Monday Bible Study, Prayer Group, or Book Group, please email Mikel Robinson at (mar8412@hotmail.com) or call/text 253-307-9373.

March Worship Helpers

Worship Helper scheduling sheets are now available in the Gathering Place.

8:30	3/03	3/10	3/17	3/24
Ushers	Dick Ferrell Dale Moultime	2 Needed	Dick Ferrell Carol-Wray Sturgill	2 Needed
Greeters	Carol Brown Ellie Wilson	Ed Larson Sandy Reed	Sheila Bennett Gail Courts	Sandy Reed 1 Needed
Reader	Kristin Moultime	Bob Allen	Sheila Bennett	1 Needed
Communion Set Up	Bob & Sandy Reed	Carol Brown Francine Sumrell	Carol Brown Francine Sumrell	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Gerry & Linda Evanson 1 Needed	Bob & Sylvia Allen 1 Needed	3 Needed	3 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Bob & Sandy Reed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed
Coffee Hour Host	Karen Claussen	Audrey Pospisil	Bob & Sandy Reed	Bob & Jean Jensen
10:30	3/03	3/10	3/17	3/24
Ushers	Ben Sclair Thomas Thompson	Chad Burrington Jeff Hansen	Sharon Webb 2 Needed	Sharon Webb 2 Needed
Greeters	Anne Johnson Kristi Roy & Sean Roy	Tammy Ehrnsberger Sheila Bennett	Carl & Karen Peterson	Tammy Ehrnsberger 1 Needed
Reader	Julianne Fagerstrom	Tammy Ehrnsberger	Fran Phelan	Mikel Ann Robinson
Communion Assistant	Karen Claussen Kristi Roy 1 Needed	Sharon Webb Dave Bennett Sheila Bennett	Kristi Roy Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Deb Sclair 1 Needed	2 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed	Mikel Ann Robinson 1 Needed

Holy Week	7pm Maundy Thursday March 28	7pm Good Friday March 29	6pm Easter Vigil Saturday March 30
Ushers	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Greeters	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed
Communion Set Up	2 Needed		
Communion Assistant	1 Needed		
Communion Clean Up	2 Needed		

Easter Sunday 03/31	8am Traditional	9:30am Kids & Families	11am Contemporary
Ushers	3 Needed	3 Needed	3 Needed
Greeters	4 Needed	4 Needed	4 Needed
Reader	1 Needed	Fran Phalen	Thomas Thompson
Communion Set Up	2 Needed		2 Needed
Communion Assistant	3 Needed	3 Needed	Kristi Roy, Sharon Webb, Mikel Ann Robinson, 1 Needed
Communion Clean Up	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed Jazz Jam 7pm	2 TGLS 9am
3 PB&J Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Confirmation 5:30pm	4 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am	5 Muscle Toning 7am Bible Study 7pm	6 Lenten Soup Supper 6pm Holden Evening Vespers 7pm	7 Cardio Drums 7am Worship Noon Adult Ed 1:30pm Exec Meeting 5:30pm Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	8 Office Closed	9 TGLS 9am
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24 Palm Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:40am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Resurrection Trail 3pm	25 Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am	26 Muscle Toning 7am Miriam Circle 10am Bible Study 7pm	27 Bell/Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	28 Maundy Thursday Cardio Drums 7am Faith Circle 9:30am Worship Noon Adult Ed 1:30pm Dorcas Circle 3pm Worship 7pm	29 Good Friday Worship noon Worship 7pm	30 Easter Vigil 6pm
31 Easter Sunday Traditional Worship 8am Easter Breakfast 8:30-11am Children & Family Worship 9:30am Contemporary Worship 11am						

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