

THE MESSENGER

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

(John 12:12-13 NRSV)



Greetings!

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Lent is the season traditionally celebrated by penitence and fasting, if that can be called a celebration. But, before our season of fasting begins on Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate with a Fat Tuesday meal at 4 pm the day before!

Lent is the season that we attempt to focus on the last days of Jesus' journey to the cross. He was celebrated by many in the crowds; but, he was hated by even more. His journey and its end were not easy by any human standards. It was by no means a luxurious time for him.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for his last Passover celebration, the crowds celebrated his entrance. But, by the end of the week, by the end of his journey to the cross, what were the crowds celebrating? There were celebrating his death!

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we make a symbolic journey to the cross as well, remembering what Jesus has done for us and what we are called to do. We remember that he was willing to die for us and in fact did die for us. We remember that: "....Jesus told his disciples, 'if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" (Matt 16:24) Self-denial and following Jesus for the sake of others even as he denied his own comforts; his own life, for our sake, is our focus during Lent (as it should be the whole year).

It seems a bit old-fashioned in many people's minds to "give up" something for Lent. When you are trying to decide what or if you will fast from anything; please, remember what Jesus gave for you. Certainly there are things that we can all give up. Maybe, it is a little bit of time that we might sacrifice each day so that we can spend more time in prayer for others or to study his word. Maybe it is, as some do, giving up a food or drink that may not be very healthy for you. Maybe, it is that hour and a half on Wednesdays to worship and have a meal with the rest of the congregation. These are all small things in comparison to the life that was given for your life.

There is no doubt that taking up our cross and following Jesus to the cross can be troublesome; even deadly for some. But, as we follow Jesus on our journey to the cross this Lenten season, let us remember that the one who died that we might live is the King of Kings and he does live! Hosanna to the King!

God's Peace -Pr. Judy

Flagler Habitat for Humanity

FLAGLER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Christ Lutheran Church will once again be helping Habitat for Humanity this spring. Students arrive on Sunday evening (March 31st) and leave very early the following Saturday morning (April 2nd). They cook their dinner at our church and then spend the evening with us. **I would like to request if anyone has a couple of extra sauce pans, that you would let these young people borrow, (or you may donate them to the church), please let me know.** Sleeping is done on air mattresses they bring in the church. Instead of spending their spring vacation at the beach or partying, they are helping others.

Christ Lutheran Church is proud to help with this project. What a wonderful gift these young people are giving to folks here in Flagler County. - Pat Ganster

More Good News from Sunnie MacLeod --

I made it back to the 76 IMC floor! Freedom!

New outlook new view! Well a welcome home view! I am so happy to be doing this well! I walked 2 big laps without resting today! I got to say hi to a bunch of friends who have been checking in on me! I even had my Starbucks delivery this morning from one of my favorite nurses! She spoils me!

We will continue to keep Sunnie, Joan, Richard and Daniel in our prayers during Sunnie's recovery period.

FAITH STORIES

We are putting a booklet together and we hope to be using your faith stories. Sharing our stories in writing is a wonderful way to not only share the stories; but, to become comfortable in doing that as we are all called to share the love of God in Jesus the Christ. This project will take a few months. Please submit stories no longer than about 500 to 600 words about how you came to your faith; stories about your encounter with God the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit or all three, miracles you have witnessed; or anything that you feel has helped to grow your faith. Please do not be preachy; just share your story. You may email them to Pr. Judy or place them in her mailbox in the office. If you need help in editing for grammar Pr. Judy will help.

We hope to collect about 20 or more stories for the booklet.

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Long Term Prayer Concerns

In Our Prayers: Sunnie MacLeod, Diane Dotson, George Hagel, Marie Walters, Marjorie Matthews, Vivian Jones, Tom Mendel, Eleanor Schmidtke, Edna McCrohan, and Arlie Johnson.

Also in our prayers Carolyn Hoffmann's sister Evelyn Paul.

Jean Hill would also like us to pray for her sister, Betty Atkins and her friend Julio Saenz.

Our prayers to the family of Wayne Picozzi.

Jimmy Myers' sister Patty Rasmussen has passed into Eternal Life to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus. I would like to thank everyone who has kept her and her family in their prayers and continue to do so. - Jimmy

Also, our condolences to the family of James Pillon who died suddenly on February 20th. Cards may be sent to:

The Family of James Pillon

123 Woodhaven Drive

Palm Coast, FL 32164

Mary-Martha Circle

Our next meeting will be March 19th at 1:00 p.m. and we will be discussing Chapter 6. Our hostesses for that meeting will be Phyllis Spitz and Carolyn Jekabsons.

Reminders

Live Life: Daily devotion online -

pastorjmm.blogspot.com

Facebook: Christ Lutheran Church of Palm Coast now has a fb page. Here's the link to it:

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Lutheran-Church-of-Palm-Coast-1065634510193240/>

or on facebook do a search for Christ Lutheran Church of Palm Coast.

Also listen to Pastor Judy's Message by going to our web site christluthernpalmcoast.org where there is a link to U-Tube.

Crafters and Quilters

Thank you for all you do for Christ Lutheran Church. Please remember to look at the “for sale” items on the craft table in the Narthex as the proceeds from those items are used for charitable causes. - Again, thank you from the Church Council

Having Visitors?

Many of us have company that arrive with “little ones”. If you are in need of a porta-crib, stroller or booster seat, we have one of each here at church. Don’t go and buy these items, just borrow them from church. We also have a wheelchair, adult potty chair and walker that can be borrowed by any of our members.

Flowers In Honor Of or In Memory Of

If members wish to place flowers In Memory Of, or In Honor Of a loved one, the member may purchase and place a rose in a vase on the altar. Please let Linda Dyer know, via e-mail if possible, at least one week in advance that you are doing this so it can be entered in the bulletin. If you do not have e-mail you may call Linda at the church office (437-4113).

March Birthdays

**4 Carolyn Hoffmann
6 Phyllis Lytle
11 Larry Phillips
11 Eric Bertish
18 Joannie Myers
18 Dot Soellner
21 Sue Spinelli**

**During March we are praying for
the homeless in Flagler County**

March, 2019

| <i>SUNDAY</i> | <i>MONDAY</i> | <i>TUESDAY</i> | <i>WEDNESDAY</i> | <i>THURSDAY</i> | <i>FRIDAY</i> | <i>SATURDAY</i> |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary) |
| 3 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship | 4 | 5 12 ³⁰ Council Meeting 4 ⁰⁰ Fat Tuesday | 6 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters 11 ⁰⁰ Windsor 2 ⁰⁰ Princeton Village 5 ⁰⁰ Ash Wed. | 7 | 8 | 9 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary) |
| 10 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship | 11 | 12 | 13 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters & Quilters 11 ⁰⁰ Windsor 2 ⁰⁰ Princeton Village 5 ⁰⁰ Service 5 ³⁰ Soup/ Fellowship | 14 | 15 | 16 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary) |
| 17 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship | 18 | 19 1 ⁰⁰ Mary-Martha Circle - Chapter 6 | 20 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters 11 ⁰⁰ Windsor 2 ⁰⁰ Princeton Village 5 ⁰⁰ Service 5 ³⁰ Soup/ Fellowship | 21 11 ⁰⁰ Evangelism Meeting | 22 | 23 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary) |
| 24 8 ⁴⁵ -9 ³⁵ Adult Sunday School 9 ³⁰ Youth Sunday School 10am Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 9 ⁰⁰ Crafters & Quilters 11 ⁰⁰ Windsor 2 ⁰⁰ Princeton Village 5 ⁰⁰ Service 5 ³⁰ Soup/ Fellowship | 28 | 29 | 30 9 ⁰⁰ Choir Practice 10 ³⁰ Baruch Hashem (Sanctuary) |
| 31 See Above | | | | | | |

FELLOWSHIP: We are having a coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings right after church.

FOR EMERGENCIES: Asst. Pr. John will be on call. John - 386-503-9933



VOLUNTEERS for March, 2019

| 2019 | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th | 31st |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Altar Care | Sue Spinelli | | Sue Spinelli | | |
| | White Paraments | Purple Paraments | Purple Paraments | Purple Paraments | Purple Paraments |
| Lay Minister | Joan Irwin | | Jody Hitz | | |
| Lector | | Pat Ganster | | Don Roach | Jimmy Myers |
| Ushers | Paul & Judy Julch | Larry Phillips & Linda Dyer | Pete Ganster & Bill Streett | Don & Erika Roach | Dick Irwin Paul Julch |
| Sound Board | Don Roach | Ngaio Carlisle | Pete Ganster | Jimmy Myers | Don Roach |
| Audio/Visual | Linda Dyer | Pat Ganster | Don Roach | Richard Irwin | Jimmy Myers |