



Capitol Drive  
Lutheran Church  
*Sounding the Love of Christ*

# WEEKLY NEWS

April 18, 2021  
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**Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -**  
*A congregation  
Sounding the Love of Christ  
by caring for the poor  
and vulnerable  
in our community*

## Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We also welcome you to sign our guest register located near the church entrance.

### Week of April 11, 2021

**SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)**

**OFFERING: \$ 1,520.00 (Sunday offering)**  
**75.00 (Automatic deposits)**  
**Total: \$ 1,595.00**

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

**He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Earnestine Ruffin; Everyone affected by Covid-19, including the families of 555,000+ Americans lost; John Katrichis; Mike Herold; Rick Grainger (friend of Karen Loth); Garland Iseler and Laura Iseler (Karla's father and sister-in-law, both diagnosed with cancer); Patricia Rice (friend of Robert Gee); Donna Weis; Doris Thomas; William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Jan Smoody; Cynthia Lange, Vianna Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters).

*Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).*

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her ([glowrm64@hotmail.com](mailto:glowrm64@hotmail.com)) with your requests to send a card.

## Prayer for the Week

*God of our Ancestors, God of Today, we come to you in the name of Jesus who lived among us, confessing that we have not been faithful to your purposes. We abide in sin, disdaining the ways of the One who came to take our sin away. We confess that we do not really know Christ or aspire to follow the path of loving service. Heal our brokenness, O God, and bring together the fragments of our scattered existence into a meaningful whole.*

*Dear God, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide, that we might relate to one another as whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good, and help us to live at our best.*

*Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that **every person** is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.*

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## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, April 18 \* No In-person Worship**  
***Third Sunday of Easter***

Monday, April 19

Tuesday, April 20

Wednesday, April 21 Gathering Place  
*Administrative Professionals (aka Church Secretary) Day*

Thursday, April 22 *Earth Day*

Friday, April 23

Saturday, April 24

**Sunday, April 25 \* No In-person Worship**  
***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

### **\* Of Special Note:**

Listen to or watch our Sunday worship service with communion, including an inspiring sermon, on our website or our YouTube channel. **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

**Sunday, April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter**

Listen to our weekly worship service, including Pr. Bill's sermon, *Why Are You Frightened?*, on our website: [www.capitoldrivelutheran.net](http://www.capitoldrivelutheran.net).

**Monday, April 19 - Matthew 25:31-40**

His name is Spencer. But everyone calls him Spence. He was a state track champion in high school; then he went on to attend a prestigious university on a full academic scholarship. He lives now in one of America's largest cities and is highly respected in the field of chemical engineering. But if you were to ask Spence his greatest achievements to date, he wouldn't mention any of those things. He would excitedly tell you about the trips he makes to Nicaragua every few months to check in on the kids and teachers in the tutoring program he helped establish in one of the poorest areas of the country. And he'd tell you how enriched his life has been by serving them. "The least of these." It's a phrase people use in a variety of ways, yet Jesus used it to describe those who, according to the world's standards, have little or nothing to offer us in return for our service. They are the men and women and children the world often overlooks—if not forgets completely. Yet it's exactly those people Jesus elevates to such a beautiful status by saying, "Whatever you did [for them], you did for me" (v. 40). You don't have to have a degree from a prestigious university to understand Christ's meaning: serving "the least" is the same as serving him. All it really takes is a willing heart. *Jesus, I make serving you harder than it is. Your words are clear: you call me to the least and the littlest, maybe even in my neighborhood. Give me courage to serve. Amen.*

**Tuesday, April 20 - 2 John 1-6**

Growing up, we might tell a parent, "I love you." Their response might be, "And I love you! But don't just tell me you love me; show me." The writer of 2 John tells us a very similar thing: to love is not just to speak, but also to do. We are called to follow the way of Christ. According to the author, those who love, who follow Jesus, are the true teachers. It is so much easier to talk the talk than it is to walk the walk. As difficult as it may be, as we strive to walk in the ways of Jesus, we must make a commitment to doing acts of kindness and giving generously of ourselves, our gifts, our time, and our resources. Originally written to the early Christians somewhere around the turn of the first century and now available to us, the message is the same: live out the lavish love of Jesus Christ. *Guiding God, help me walk the walk. Amen.*

**Wednesday, April 21 - Proverbs 9:1-6**

The image of wisdom in this scripture reading is of a woman who offers hospitality to all people, a woman who works tirelessly to provide for others. Earlier in the history of Israel, God asked the young king Solomon what he should give him. Solomon asked for "an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9). Solomon did not ask for long life, power, or wealth. He asked for wisdom. God was pleased and gave Solomon this gift. Thus we see that God is the source of wisdom. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you and I asked God for wisdom on a regular basis? We could follow our Lord even more closely if we asked for wisdom more often. God delights in giving wisdom to all, just as God did for King Solomon. How different would your life look if you asked God for wisdom each day? Such wisdom is a joyous gift from God. *Wise, wonderful God, please give me wisdom this day. Amen.*

**Thursday, April 22 - Psalm 23**

The Lord as shepherd is a familiar theme throughout the Bible. The psalmist asked God to "be their shepherd, and carry them forever" (Ps. 28:9). Shepherds of old would sleep at the opening of the gate of the sheep pen so that if a wolf or robber came to harm the sheep, the shepherd would be there to protect them. Is it any wonder that Jesus referred to himself as the good shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep"

(John 10:11)? Psalm 23 has brought comfort and strength to people through the centuries: the sick, the grieving, the overworked, the stressed, the dying. This psalm is often requested at funerals. When in the throes of grief, the images of the shepherd guarding the flock, of Jesus giving up his life for his sheep (for us and for all people), surely bring comfort, hope, and strength to all who call upon him. *Shepherd me, Savior, and all who need you this day. Amen.*

**Friday, April 23 - Acts 4:1-4**

The word "many" in verse 4 is surely an understatement. Luke—the author of Acts—said that those who believed number five thousand. Peter spoke about the Holy Spirit, "he has poured out this that you both see and hear" (Acts 2:33). God poured out this Holy Spirit through which Peter healed a man unable to walk from birth. God poured out this Holy Spirit through which the five thousand came to believe in the risen Christ on that day. This same Holy Spirit is with us today: with us, within us, among us, calling us to faith. With all your heart, seek to grow in faith in our risen Lord. With all your heart, seek to grow in awareness of his Spirit within you. When you consider the "more" that God may yet do through you as you grow in faith, be inspired, challenged, and excited. Want more: more faith, more courage, more love to share. *Sustaining Holy Spirit, may I become all you want me to be for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

**Saturday, April 24 - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

Wisdom is disguised as foolishness; strength is disguised as weakness; salvation is disguised as death on a cross. Notice the crosses that hang around you, not only in your home but perhaps in unlikely places or places you just never noticed before. They're everywhere. On churches, yes, but also woven into the fabric of our lives. No one doubts the sign of the cross. When you see a cross around someone's neck or hanging from a car's rearview mirror or perhaps even tattooed on someone's shoulder, you don't think "I wonder if they really believe." When we mark ourselves with the sign of faith, no matter how we do it, we mark ourselves as one of Jesus' tribe, as disciples who may not always get it right but who keep on trying, who trust in the foolishness of God. Look for crosses. What do they say to you? What does the cross mean to you? How often do you contemplate its meaning? Make time to do that today. *God of all faithfulness, we trust in your wisdom even when we don't understand it, even when the world thinks we are fools for believing. We believe. We trust. We know. Amen.*

**Sunday, April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18**

Jesus is our good shepherd. Jesus does not know us in a superficial way: he knows us from the top of our heads to the tips of our toes. The verses from John's gospel tell us that Jesus knows us and we know him just as Jesus and the Father know one another. Perhaps your heart beats a little faster as you ponder the profound truth of those words. Does this mean that we can be as close to Jesus as Jesus is to God? How wonderful! Jesus tells us that we belong to him and his flock. As this truth sinks into your mind, think of some of the great truth-tellers of our time: Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day, Nelson Mandela. These were people who spoke the truth at risk to their own comfort and safety, in the face of persecution, imprisonment, even death. And they all did it without bitterness or hatred, even when they had every reason to hate. Dr. King famously said, "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." What is the truth you must speak? Can we speak it without fear or hatred, only with courage and love? *We want to live by your truth, dear Jesus, but our human tendency to protect ourselves and choose the easier path gets in the way. Deepen our trust so that we may walk by your truth without fear. Amen.*

***The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.***

<b>WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>April 4, 2021 Resurrection of Our Lord</b>	<b>April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
<b>Assisting Minister</b>					
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger
<b>Musician</b>	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
<b>Communion Assistant</b>					
<b>Videographer</b>	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus
<b>Altar Guild</b>					
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls</b>				

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**Worship services continue to be "virtual."  
Most Sundays they can be found on our  
website (audio only) or our YouTube page  
(video).**



**April Birthdays at CDLC**

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| <b>April 2</b>  | <b>Julane Sebastian (57)</b> |
| <b>April 3</b>  | <b>Doris Day</b>             |
| <b>April 5</b>  | <b>David Bartel</b>          |
| <b>April 6</b>  | <b>Marilyn Bauer (58)</b>    |
| <b>April 9</b>  | <b>Robert Gee (56)</b>       |
| <b>April 15</b> | <b>Carol Hess</b>            |
| <b>April 15</b> | <b>Leonardo da Vinci</b>     |
| <b>April 16</b> | <b>Kareem Abdul Jabbar</b>   |
| <b>April 24</b> | <b>Barbra Streisand</b>      |

***Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. The Box is being emptied quite often, especially at this time of year. If you have any questions about what items are needed, please do not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell (his phone number is listed above). God bless you and thank you very much for your kind generosity.***

# APRIL 2021

***Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled except the Sunday morning Meditation and Prayer sessions.***

<u>March 28</u> Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday  <u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u>	March 29  <i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	March 30  <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	March 31  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal  <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i>	April 1  <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>	April 2  <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	April 3  <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u> <u>Vigil of Easter</u>
<u>April 4</u> RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY  <u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u>	5	6	7  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	8	9  Dietrich Bonhoeffer (d. 1945)	10
<u>April 11</u> Second Sunday of Easter  <u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u>	12	13	14  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal	15	16	17
<u>April 18</u> Third Sunday of Easter  <u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u>	19	20	21  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal  <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	22  9:00 AM: Quilters  <i>Earth Day</i>	23  St. George	24
<u>April 25</u> Fourth Sunday of Easter  <u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u>  St. Mark, Evangelist	26	27	28  9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise <b>11:00 GP WORSHIP</b> 12:00 GP Meal	29  St. Catherine of Siena, Theologian	30	May 1  10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)  SS. Philip and James, Apostles