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*“Where All are Welcomed and  
Fed at the Table.”*

# Christ Church Chronicle

APRIL 2024

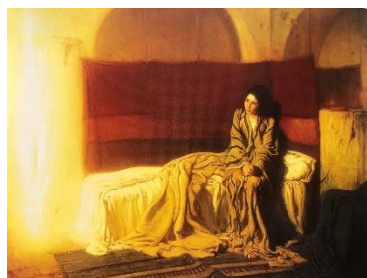
Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track. GOD-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. Celebrate GOD. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof! - Psalm 32: 9-11

## We are an Easter people!

*Please come to church on Easter Sunday, March 31!*

*Fr. Henry knows he's asking you to do a lot of church...but let's do it enthusiastically from our hearts!*

**It's Greek to Me – Luke 1:38 – “Let it be with me, just as you say”**



**The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary - April 8**

The Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most remarkable people in the Bible as well as in history. She said “Yes” to God, no matter what the cost; and the cost turned out to be

very high indeed. When she brought Jesus to the temple as an infant, a prophet told her that her heart would be pierced as if with a sword, and that certainly was the case. If ever there was an example that those who follow God are not exempt from heartache, she is definitely one.

When the angel Gabriel announced the coming of Christ to her, she simply said. “Let it be with me, just as you say”. She had a very clear understanding of what this could mean for her in

her culture. She would be considered a sinful woman, worthy of death under Jewish law. It would likely ruin her chances for marriage or for any position in her society. And yet she said “Yes”.

Later, when Jesus began his ministry, she found it difficult to even stay in touch with him, but she still said “Yes”.

She had to endure seeing him on the cross, holding his body in her arms, seeing him buried. But she still said “Yes”.

The Greek word here translated as “Let it be with me” is ‘*genoito*’ and it means “may it be becoming” and occurs many times in the New Testament. It does not mean a single moment of commitment fueled by religious sentiment or feeling – it means a commitment to an on-going unfolding of God’s action in one’s life. It is an open-ended commitment, one that puts no conditions on itself. It is a full embracing of God’s will, a trusting in the loving purposes of God no matter what.

And because of that continuous “Yes” she was also there to experience the resurrection and the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

Are we ready to say “Yes”. It is only through that “Yes” that we come to the joy of the Resurrection. Why does God require such a deep commitment as this? Because He, as our Creator,

knows that this was what we were born for and, in fulfilling our purpose, we will find true peace and joy – a peace and joy that the world is not capable of giving, no matter how ‘easy’ we manage to make our lives apart from Him.

- *Rev. George Favell*



I hope you have been enjoying the Lenten United Thank Offering 40 Days of Grateful Presence that has been included in the last two Chronicles as much as I have. In it the UTO invites us to notice the little things that many of us take for granted but depend upon in our daily lives. For example the item for today was to “consider and give thanks for hymns and psalms”. Some of the others were the ability to recycle things, waking up on time, electricity, laundry, meals with friends, participating in communion. The date for our spring Ingathering for UTO is Sunday, May 5. Let’s get those blue boxes and hearts filled with thanks!

This month’s UTO grant story (where the money goes) is about a grant in South Africa. It was aimed to train, educate and support a group of high school learners to become environmental change-makers in their community. A river in an impoverished community was chosen and the students there studied what had polluted the river and how to clean it up, making the community members aware of the issues. The cleanup efforts had a huge visible impact and valuable lessons were learned about the important change, and community involvement, which most of the people had little awareness of previously. Thanks UTO grant!!

- *Gail Thurnau*

**Please Save The Date!**

**6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

***Our Bishop’s Visitation***

***Sophie Paulson’s Confirmation***

***Please block out 5:30-8:00 to be away from home.***

***The service will be followed by a reception and time to visit with the Bishop!***

*Paula and Jared Paulson plan on doing a brunch coffee hour after church on April 7th to celebrate Sophie with the whole church! Don't miss it!*

The American Legion Post 56 in Albert Lea is hosting a Fund-raiser Breakfast every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, from 8am to 12:30 pm!

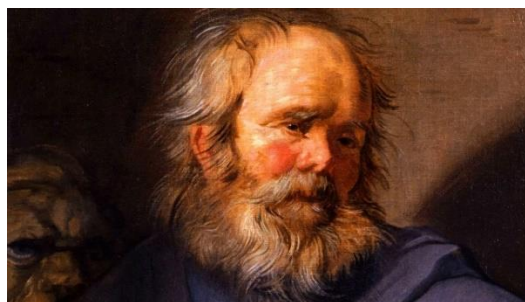
## Worship Schedule for April 2024

Sunday, April 7, 2024 - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am

Sunday, April 14, 2024 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Morning Prayer - 10:30am

Sunday, April 21, 2024 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist - 10:30am  
Vestry Meeting - 9:15am



St. Mark the Evangelist – April 25

Saying yes to God means stepping out into the unknown; moving forward in something that  
you believe God is asking you to do.

- Amaris Beecher

Saying 'Yes' to God can best be described as 'radical' because it encompasses every part of our life, and it relinquishes all  
control. Following Jesus is a deep dive into an adventure where we say, over and over, "not my will, but yours be done."

- Milanda Fuller

## New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

7-Apr	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
14-Apr	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
21-Apr	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
28-Apr	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:24-30	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8

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**Savile Lord**

**Jeff Shaft**

**Music Director: Gail Thurnau**

**Treasurer: Joy Shaft**

**Parish Administrator/Secretary:**

**The Rev. George M. Favell**

## Fr. Henry - Please keep me in the loop

Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need.

## Prayer Scripture - Romans 12:1-2

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he

wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

## Meditation Prayer

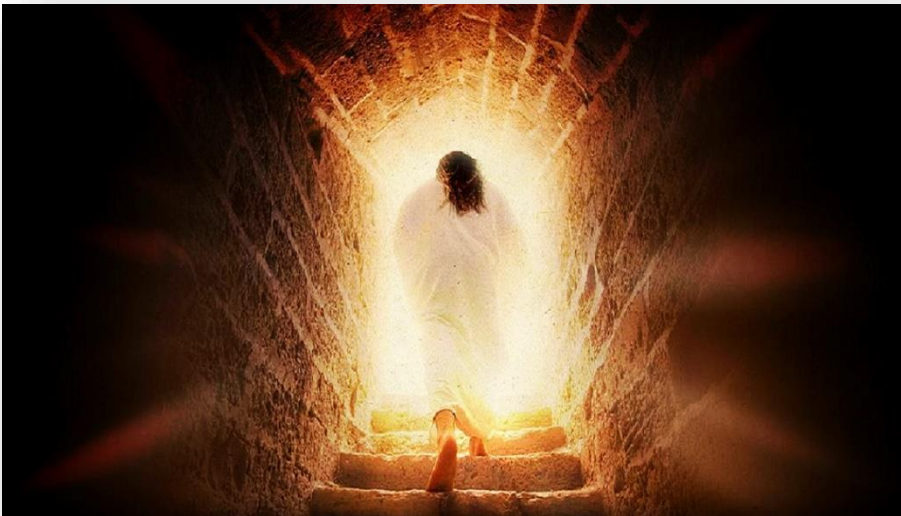
*Book of Common Prayer, page 832*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Christ Episcopal Church April Birthdays

4 - Jared Paulson

23 - Richard Lowman



Go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I ascend  
to my Father and your Father, my God  
and your God.’”

I’ve told you all this so  
that trusting me, you will  
be unshakable and  
assured, deeply at peace.  
In this godless world you will  
continue to experience  
difficulties. But take heart!  
I’ve conquered the world.”

- Messiah Jesus

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK</b> Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	2 <b>TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK</b> Office 8-12	3 <b>WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK</b> Chair Yoga – 9am**	4 <b>THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK</b> Office 8-12	5 <b>FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK</b>	6 <b>SATURDAY IN EASTER WEEK</b> Healing – 9:30am**
7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am	8 <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	9 Office 8-12	10 Chair Yoga – 9am**	11 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	12	13 Healing – 9:30am**
14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Morning Prayer – 10:30am	15 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	16 Office 8-12	17 Chair Yoga – 9am**	18 Office 8-12	19	20 Healing – 9:30am**
21 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am	22 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	23 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	24 Chair Yoga – 9am**	25 <b>SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST</b> Office 8-12	26	27 <b>Retreat – 9am – 12noon</b>
28 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Holy Eucharist – 10:30am <b>VESTRY MEETING – 9:15</b>	29 Yoga – 10am and 6pm**	30 Office 8-12				

**\*\*** Please check with Clemencia to confirm location and if class is full.

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