

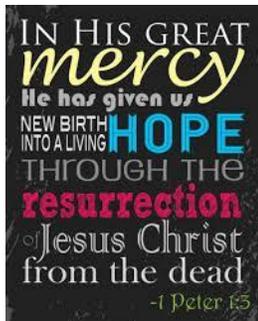


**Holy Week Worship:** As services become available, they will be posted on our YouTube Channel, with a notice and link also included on our main Facebook page (Christ Lutheran Church, Wyoming, Mi). The link for our Maundy Thursday service can be reached at <https://bit.ly/CLCMaundyThursday2020>.

**Notes From Some of Our Staff:**

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

I have always found peace in the words of "It is Well." But when I learned about the circumstances that led to its writing, the song took on even deeper meaning. Its author, Horatio Spafford, lost his four daughters in a shipping accident while they were on their way to England. Only his wife survived the ordeal. Even in the depths of his despair, Spafford drew on his faith for the assurance of peace and comfort. During these difficult times, I hope that you, too, might find inspiration in the words of this familiar hymn. *Peace, Patrick*



Greetings CLC Family! I miss seeing your faces so much on Sunday morning! As our Lord Jesus Christ overcame death, we too will overcome this separation. May your Easter weekend be filled with love and hope, and I look forward to worshipping with you all again very soon!  
*Blessings, Suzanne Snider*

Hi everyone. I want to say hello and wish all of you a happy stay-at-home Easter. I miss seeing all of you - especially during this Lenten season, when we would have had more services and times together. I feel the loss on Monday evenings when we would be practicing our handbell pieces. Our schedule for playing, on the second Sunday of the month, fell on Easter this year. We had anthems almost ready, and were going to ring with the adult choir's anthem at first service as well. As they say... the best laid plans. We've had such a good year this year, and I hate to see it end so abruptly. I know we are all missing each other and our time with our church family - such a large and important part of my life. Stay well, my friends, and we will all look forward to the time when we can be together to worship and make music again. The miracle of Easter Sunday will take place as always. We will be together in spirit. *Marilyn Burgard*

**Prayer Requests:**

- Prayers of praise and celebration with Andy and Whitney VanGessel who welcomed their daughter, Ellie Joan VanGessel into the world on Wednesday, April 8. While Ellie was almost 4 weeks early, she is doing very well!
- Prayers of comfort to the family of Barb Benson, who passed away peacefully on April 5. For those of you who would like the information, her obituary can be found at: <https://michigancremation.com/obituary/barbara-benson/>

**Easter Vigil Information:** Just because we are not in the sanctuary, does not mean we have to forget our traditions of Holy Week! Each year we do an Easter Vigil here at church that begins after Good Friday service and goes until the start of 9 a.m. service on Easter Morning. We ask our congregation to sign up for half hour blocks and use that time (normally here at the church) to pray, do a devotional, listen to music, anything that brings you closer in your walk with God and helps to keep 'watch' until the stone is rolled away on Easter Morning. This practice can still be done from your homes and we are excited to offer it as an option for you and/or your family to take part in. If you are interested in a time slot, please email Suzanne Snider at [suzanne@clcwyo.org](mailto:suzanne@clcwyo.org) and she will get you information on how to sign up. If you have already signed up and are part of our CLC Friends Facebook group, we ask that you post something at the start of your watch to the page. It might be a prayer, a devotional, a picture, or a song that will help our congregation focus on the time we are observing and come closer in their own walks of faith. We look forward to seeing this page flooded with images and thoughts of Holy Week and all it means for us.

## **Hello Youth!**

Mosaic and Confirmation will not do anything this week for Easter; instead we want you to think about how Jesus is risen and what that means to you, your family, and the world now and discuss it with your family!

Sunday School Kids: We will have a Sunday School Easter video! We will do another #TalkswithTaraCLC next week as well! Thank you to all for staying safe and working with us!

**Do You Need Anything?** We are three weeks into this very strange time of separation in our communities. Your groceries might be running a little low at this point, and now is a time where those of you that are most at risk really need to make sure you are staying away from that interaction with others. But there are many of us who are able and willing to go out and pick up items for you should you need them and deliver them to your doorstep. If you are in need of any items and are not in the position to go get them, please contact Suzanne Snider or one of the church staff (contact info listed below) and let them know so we can make arrangements to get those items to you. We are a family of faith, and you lean on family when you are in a difficult time!! Let's be that support for each other!

**Your Support Is Needed:** While we continue our congregational mission during this time, it is important to note that your financial gifts are both needed and welcome. As always, your offerings may be mailed to the church as the mailbox is being checked daily. This may also be a good time to consider giving through our electronic system called "Simply Giving," which provides for a regular form of stewardship. Please contact the church office and we will be happy to send you the form needed to get started. Thank you for your continued support!

**YouTube Channel:** CLC has a YouTube Channel. There is a link on our website, [www.clcwyoming.org](http://www.clcwyoming.org) that you can use to subscribe, however you don't need to subscribe to see the messages. Pastor Justin and other staff members will be sharing messages, songs, stories (and who knows what else!) in an effort to stay connected with our CLC family.

**Join Us On Facebook:** There is a great way to stay connected with your family of faith even during this time of physical separation? CLC has a private group on Facebook group called "**CLC Friends.**" The purpose of this group is to connect members of CLC with each other for needs, prayers requests, etc. Just search in Facebook Groups for CLC Friends. Request to be a member and we will get you connected. This is a private group, so only those who have a connection to our church will be admitted in. Also, please be sure to read the administrative post at the start of the group. We want this page to be a place of positivity and fun!! Looking forward to having you join us too!

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**Share Your CLC Event Pictures:**

(please include a brief description – group, date, etc.)

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