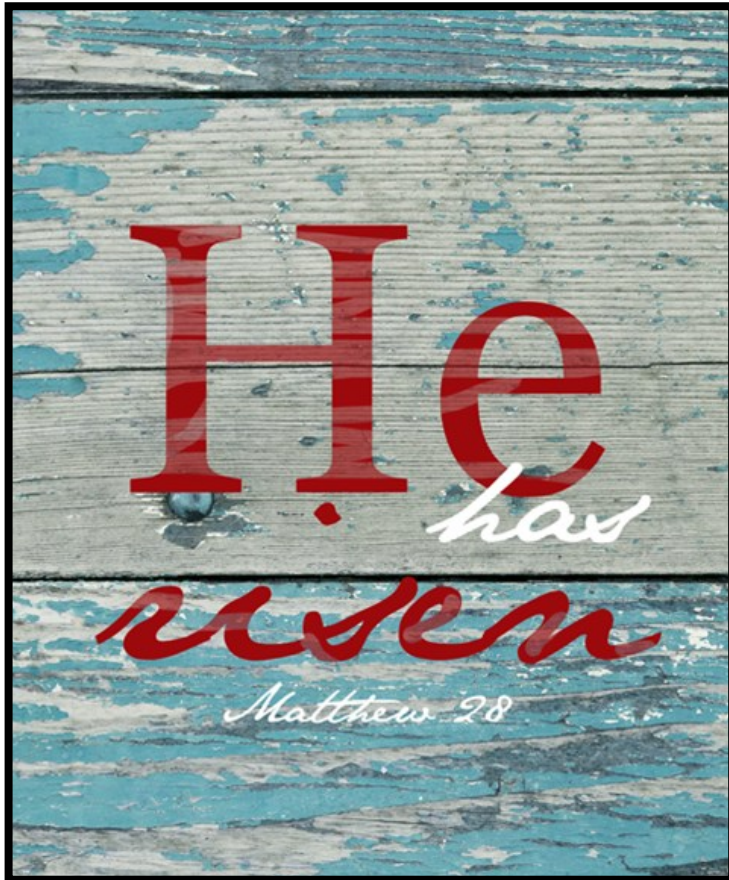




The Christ Candle April 2026

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 Genesis Bells Director—
 Jan Kopischke

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 Worship & Music - Jan Kopischke
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**All meetings are open to members of the congregation. Scheduled meetings are sometimes adjusted based upon the ministry team members schedules.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ An E.L.C.A. Congregation ~

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Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- Apr 02 - Maundy Thursday
- Apr 03 - Good Friday Tenebrae
- Apr 04 - Easter Vigil
- Apr 05 - Easter Sunday
- Apr 26 - JuBellation Music Sunday
- May 03 - Choir Music Sunday
- May 10 - Genesis Music Sunday
Mother's Day
- May 25 - Memorial Day

CLC MISSION STATEMENT



SHARING God's love by
LIVING our faith and
SERVING the world.

YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Apr 11th or 12th—Medieval Times (TBA)

Apr 25th—Michigan City Zoo

Please Bring Your Friends!!

*If you need a ride please call,
we will get you there!*

MUSIC SUNDAYS

You don't want to miss all of our wonderful music groups!!!

April 26th - JuBellation

May 3rd - Adult Choir

May 10th - Genesis Chimes

*Please see
Robin Bellamy
for more
information.*



Estuary Group - May 6th

Estuary Group with Pastor Dale meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Byquist Hall.



Men's Group - April 15th

Men's Group with Dave Roman meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in Byquist.

Check out our website.

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

+ Holy Week +



Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29th 10:30am

On this day the church continues its procession with our crucified and risen Lord. He is in our midst as we hear of his life-giving death and as we share his body and blood. At the beginning of this great week, the passion gospel sets forth the central mystery of the Christian faith: Christ emptied himself in death so that we might know God's mercy and love for all creation.



Maundy Thursday: April 2nd 7:00pm

On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper which Christ gave the church to reveal his unending love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed the hungry.



Good Friday: April 3rd 7:00pm

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") was the name given to the medieval pre-dawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In recent time, this monastic liturgy was transferred among many churches to Friday evening in Holy Week to complete the walk to the cross and our Lord's death for our sin.



Easter Vigil: April 4th 7:00pm

This liturgy's Easter Proclamation announces, "This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness." It is the very foundation of our Christian faith, and it is what makes this the crowning moment of the church's year, as the risen Lord leaves the tomb.



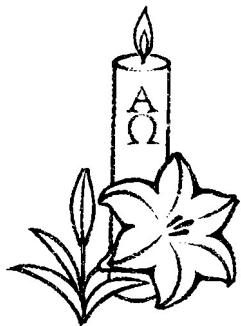
Easter: Sunday of the Resurrection: April 5th

Easter is the festival that celebrates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. All the Christian movable feasts and the entire liturgical year of worship are arranged around Easter.

8:00am-10:00am Breakfast

10:30am-Worship

12:30pm-Easter Egg Hunt



+ THE SEASON OF EASTER +

The seven weeks of Easter historically constitute the first real season of the Christian Church. Those first fifty days between Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost must have been a truly special time in the experience of the disciples -- a time of real exuberance and joy after the great disappointment and disillusionment of Good Friday -- a time of reconciliation of the disciples with their Lord -- even a time of holiness, a time of realizing the righteousness which was being bestowed upon these disciples through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and given as a gift of true grace by God.

There could be no more special time in the world than was this time between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit for the first disciples. No doubt, that is what encouraged them into annual celebrations of this season as they brought the gospel to more and more people and established the Christian Church. It is time to live out what Paul has proclaimed: the Great Exchange has taken place; Christ is my sin, and I am his righteousness (cf. 2 Cor.5.21).

Attention CLC Musicians

We are looking for any musician that may want to join the Christ Lutheran Instrumental Anniversary Ensemble for All Saints Sunday in 2026. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Practice dates would be announced later.



ARCHIVE PICTURES

We are looking for any and all pics from the church's history for our 75th Anniversary! If you have any that you would be willing to share, please see Kelly Seitzinger. All pictures will be returned to owner. Thanks in advance!!

March Men's Group





Greater Hammond

**20
25**

Impact Report



Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ



1548

Connection Center calls received



22

Partner Churches



4440

Volunteer Hours



105

Individuals, Churches, Organizations, & Groups gave IN-KIND GIFTS

Services Provided



2639

Individual needs met

1086

Adult needs met

1553

Children's needs met

Collaborative Ministries

312

Children received Backpacks with School Supplies

156

Individuals given Christmas gifts with meals

230

Individuals given household furniture items

Church Hosted Gap Ministries

222

individuals received cleaning supplies from Scruba-Dove

278

coats + hats/gloves were provided from The Coat Closet

237

individuals received hygiene products from New Life 4-U

88

individuals received socks & underwear from Down Under

62

individuals received small kitchen appliances /gadgets from Karing Kitchen

172

individuals received pillows/sheets/ blankets from Linens of Love

4666

diapers were delivered along with 96 packs of wipes from Cradle N All

41258

pounds of food were distributed from our 2 food pantries


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Christ Lutheran Church


First United Ev.
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

First United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hammond and Christ Lutheran Church of Hammond have officially partnered to make the Scruba - Dove Ministry a joint church Love INC of Greater Hammond Gap Ministry! We are so thankful for both churches and their willingness to come together as the body of Christ and serve our neighbors in need. Please help them restock their inventory by donating any of these items listed. Call 219-923-2775 to schedule a donation drop off to our Love INC office.

Scruba - Dove Gap Ministry

Donations needed to help our neighbors.

dish soap

toilet bowl cleaner and brush

bath and kitchen or any spray cleaner

laundry soap and bleach

fabric softener [liquid or sheets]

Pine Sol type products

Ajax or Comet

wire scrubbers

At times, we also get requests for:

rag mops and pails

disinfectant sprays or wipes

small or large trash bags

floor cleaner

air freshener

shower curtains, liners, rings

Please call 219-923-2775 to schedule a donation



LOVE INC GAP MINISTRIES – MOST NEEDED ITEMS

The Coat Closet Mission Bible Church	New and gently used coats and jackets
FOOD PANTRIES Munster Church (CRC) Faith CRC Church - Munster	Pasta, sauce, applesauce, dry cereal, oatmeal, soup, canned vegetables, Bisquick, healthy after school snacks, pancake mix, syrup, PB&J, rice, potatoes
SCRUBA DOVE Cleaning products & equipment First United Lutheran Church Hammond & Christ Lutheran	Multi-purpose cleaning solution, window cleaner, paper towels, trash bags, trash cans, buckets, mops, brooms, dust pans, liquid laundry supplies, dish soap, cleanser, SOS pads, sponges, gloves, magic erasers
NEW LIFE 4-U Personal care & hygiene products New Life CRC Highland	Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, toilet paper, tissues, razors, shaving cream, body lotion, feminine hygiene products, combs, hairbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant
LINENS OF LOVE Griffith Lutheran Church Griffith	Linens for beds (twin, full, queen). Bathroom linens & kitchen linens, blankets, throws, spreads. New, inexpensive bed pillows.
DOWN UNDER Keeping children warm in winter This gap ministry is shared by all of our Love INC churches.	Socks & underwear for children. Many children wear adult sizes. Items need to be new and in their labeled packages. Hats, mittens, gloves & scarves that are purchased or handmade.
CRADLE 'N' ALL St. Paul Episcopal Church Munster	Diapers for babies and toddlers up to 24 months. Baby wipes. Other frequently used items for babies always welcome.
KARING KITCHEN First Presbyterian Church Highland	Pots & pans, microwaveable glass or ceramic, ceramic mugs, plastic drinkware, dishes, silverware, cooking utensils, crock pots, toasters. <i>No drinkware made from glass.</i>
Anthem's Treasure Anthem Church - Hammond	Face towels, Toothbrushes, toothpaste comb, brush, deodorant, Bibles, journals, coloring books, crayons, throw blanket, body wash (placed in ziplock back to avoid leakage), Lotion, small unisex toy, reusable water bottles
FURNITURE MINISTRY This is a shared gap ministry that was not placed on the calendar because we need donations regularly <u><i>all through the year.</i></u> Call Love INC at 219-923-2775.	Mattresses and box springs: twin, full, and queen. Bed frames, couches, end tables, easy chairs, small tables & chairs for dining, lamps & shades, small dressers, working recliners. <i>NO sofa beds, large appliances, large dressers or china cabinets.</i>

THE LOVE INC OFFICE IS OPEN ON TUE / WED / THURS.



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Palm Sunday 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Anniv. Committee Mtg.	30	31	1	2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	3 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae	4 7:00pm Easter Vigil
5 Easter Sunday  8-10am Breakfast 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt	6	7	8 7:00pm Council	9 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	10	11 Hall Rental
12 Easter 2 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Worship & Music Mtg.	13	14	15 7:00pm Men's Group	16 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	17	18 Hall Rental
19 Easter 3 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Christian Ed.	20	21	22	23 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	24	25 Youth Group
26 Easter 4 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Anniv. Committee Mtg.	27	28	29	30 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	1	2