



COMMUNITY
CHURCH
ROSELAWN

LIVES *transformed* BY *Christ*



Welcome to Today's Worship Service

Song: *I Am Not My Own*

Welcome/Announcements

Greeting Time

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-8A by Addelie B

Song: *He Is Our God*
Behold Our God

Prayer

Offering

Kids Church dismissal

Songs: *Speak, O Lord*

Message

Prayer

Song: *Just As I Am*

The Apostles Creed

Communion

Bread: *Jesus, Thank You*

Juice: *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology

Blessing

Offering: General Fund and GEMS Global

Online giving instructions can be found on our webpage,
communitychurchroselawn.com

March 17, 2024
Worship 9:30 AM

Preaching: Laryn Zoerhof

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43

Message: The Prayer of a
Dying Thief

Next Week: Jeff White



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Offerings from 3-10-24

General: \$10,513.00

Weekly Budget: \$15,078.30

Capital Improvements: \$237.00

Offerings Next Sunday:

General Fund and
The Bible League

Hearing loop equipped:
Please switch your hearing
aid to Telecoil "T" mode.



WELCOME to Community Church Roselawn *A Place Where Lives are Transformed by Christ Through the Power of the Gospel*

Welcome, Next Steps and Prayer cards can be found on seat backs. Please drop completed cards into the offering or at the Welcome Center.

Prayers/Thank you

Please pray for **Joni VanderWoude and family**. Joni is *urgently* in need of care givers or volunteers a few mornings and through the night, weekdays and weekends. These needs vary from healthcare, to cleaning/organizing, meal prep, driving, childcare and to home projects and yard work. If you can help or if you have questions, please call Joni at 219-898-0581. Your prayers are much appreciated since they are going through a hard time right now.

Please pray for **Tracy Szczudlak**. Her MS is stable but she is suffering from debilitating migraines. Please continue to pray for pain management, meds to work and for her to return to functionality.

Please pray for **Cindy and Gord Denouden**. Cindy's biopsy came back positive for papillary thyroid cancer. She will need surgery to remove the thyroid.

Please pray for Brian Rose's sister, **Karen**, who is having hip replacement surgery on Mon, March 25. While convalescing at Brian's house, she will need someone to stay with her a few hours on Thurs, March 28 while Brian is at work. If you can help, please contact Karen at 317-294-2845 or contact Brian.

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to **Kelly Dykshorn and family** over the passing of her grandmother from Kentucky, Wilma Jones, last week.

Announcements

There is **Sunday School, Men's Study and Youth Group today**.



Calling artists of all ages! We hope to start the Easter Sunday service with a song that tells the whole story of Easter. We would love to have each slide of that song illustrated with a picture drawn by someone from our church! In the lobby this morning there's a sign-up sheet where you can claim a few lines of the song to illustrate. Submissions are due March 17. Happy creating!



Easter Memorial Lily sale is going on now until March 24. They are \$8 each. Be sure to pick up an order form from the lobby or fill out online at <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/communitychurchroselawn/forms/33>

If you buy a lily in honor of a loved one, memorials will be printed in the bulletin.

The **Lost and Found** is spread out on a table in the lobby. If anything belongs to you, please claim it ASAP. Any items not picked up by March 18 will be donated to Restored Resale.

Connections Class is your chance to get to know how Community Church thinks. If you've never been or are considering becoming a member, our next class is April 11. See Kelly D or sign the back of the bulletin if you want more info.

Community Preschool is only accepting 2 more students for the 2024-2025 school year. Students must be 4 by Aug 1. Parents can choose preschool hours of 8AM-1PM or 8AM-3PM, Mon-Fri. Call 219-819-3501 or email communitypreschoolroselawn@gmail.com or enroll online at communitypreschool.net for details.



30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World:

Join in praying for Muslims since the Muslim world began Ramadan on March 10. Pick up a Prayer Guide at the Information Center. Learn about and pray for the Muslim World with other Christians world-wide. Pray that as Muslims seek God during Ramadan, they will encounter Jesus.

Guides for children are also available at the Info Center.



Wood Splitting: Only a couple more Saturdays this season. 8AM-Noon, 1st Saturday of the month at the DeMotte Work Yard. Your help hauling, splitting, chopping and stacking wood to help those who primarily heat their homes with wood is much appreciated.

Join the tech team: Two projectionists are needed to help our church worship without distraction on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary. See Justin Goodman or Kyle Vanderzee if interested.



Family Craft and Movie Night: March 27, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Café & Worship Center. If you are stuck home for spring break, come decorate an Easter themed paper lantern and then watch a Veggie Tales movie, *An Easter Carol*, in the Worship Center. We will have pizza and popcorn.



RSVP by March 25 here: <https://forms.gle/cYoV73Tc6A3uMeNh7>

Happy 50th Anniversary!



We are getting ready to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a church and are hoping to do this on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. If you'd like to be on the party planning crew to make this day special, please see Kyle Vz. The Fellowship Team will provide lunch.

If you have old pictures or fun items from back in the day that you'd like to share, we'd love to see them!



Monday: Coffee Break 9:15 AM is studying Titus and Philemon

Bloom Studies: The Gospel of John (Part 2)

Contact Marjie or Joanna for your book. We welcome new ladies to join us for this 8 week study of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

-Tues @ 6:30 PM at Jo Vz's

-Wed @ 8:45 AM in the Café

-Wed @ 6:30 PM at Marjie's

Sprouts: Wed @ 8:45 AM Experienced babysitting is available, as well as a preschool Bible class, ages 3+

Thrive: Meets on BreakAway Wednesdays in the Youth Group Portable, 6:30-8:00 PM



Join the Easter Choir! We have an all-ages* choir opportunity for Easter Sunday this year! A choir is now being formed which will add volume, energy and harmony to the worship team as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday together. The only requirements are a love for singing, a love for God, and the ability to read. (*1st grade and up). For those who want to go the extra mile and learn an alto or tenor harmony part, practice tracks will be sent out so you can learn your part ahead of time.

Sign-up in the lobby.

Required practice for all: Tuesday, March 26 at 7 PM with the Worship Team.

Bonus practice for those learning harmony parts: Thursday, March 21, 7 PM.

Join us

Good Friday, March 29 at 7 PM, for a service of singing, scripture and Communion, remembering with gratitude what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Easter Sunrise Service, March 31 at the Roselawn Cemetery, 7:30 AM

Easter Breakfast in the Café, March 31, 8-9:15 AM

Resurrection Sunday Service, March 31, is at 9:30 AM



BreakAway menu for March 20 includes cheddar broccoli soup, chicken rice soup, salad bar, roll and dessert. Donations accepted.

BreakAway is looking for help. If you enjoy Breakaway; servers, cleaners and cooks are needed for this program to continue in the fall. If you are willing to use your God-given time and talents for this, please see Linda H or Thriesa H. Thank you.

A bit of Christian history for St. Patrick's Day:



Today many around the world celebrate the life of “St. Patrick.” Patrick was a 5th century Roman who went by the name Patricius. He was from a well-off family who lived in Britain. When Patrick was a teenager, he was abducted to primitive Ireland and forced to work as a shepherd slave. He was isolated with little food and clothing in cold weather. In the six years of his suffering, he devoted himself to God and prayer. He eventually escaped his captors guided by what he described as "a mysterious voice."

Although his family begged him to stay with them, Patrick began having dreams and visions of the Irish people calling on him to return. It was a thought that was akin to being stabbed. Finally, he experienced the calling of God to go back to Ireland.

Patrick not only sacrificed a noble place in Roman society, but put himself at risk to return to his place of slavery. It was an incredible act of self-sacrifice and humility. Patrick would eventually not only change the Irish civilization, but all of history. He disciplined, trained, and educated the masses. Ireland went from a chaotic and erratic culture to one that was more and more civilized. When the barbarians sacked Rome and its culture, they burned all of the ancient literature. All of it would have been lost had it not been for the Irish monks educated because of Patrick that copied all of those historic works. The story of Patrick's legacy goes far beyond a community or a generation. He changed the world.

Patrick described himself as a “most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped idols and unclean things had become the people of God.”

So why is the shamrock the National Flower of Ireland? The reason is that Patrick used the 3-leafed plant to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans.

Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. But much more importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

Sources: BJ Foster <https://www.allprodad.com/leaving-a-legacy-like-the-story-of-st-patrick/>

Ann Greenleaf Wirtz <https://www.blueridgenow.com/story/news/2007/03/17/st-patrick-missionary-to-ireland/28027504007/>

[Paeon-noun, a song of praise or triumph; a thing that expresses enthusiastic praise]



Save the Date: July 15-19 Get ready for an aquatic adventure at this year's VBS. Join for a week of fun, learning and water-themed excitement!

2024 Elders and Deacons

2024 Elders: Mike Johnson - Admin, Pres of Council, Steve Bos - Admin, VP of Council, Mark Hubers - Admin, Clerk of Council, Dan Koselke - Chair of Pastoral Elders and Purple Care Group, Tim Coffey - Clerk of Pastoral Elders and Blue, Henry Herr - White, Jake Dawson - Red, Kevin Porte - Yellow, John Earnshaw - Green

2024 Deacons: Dan Hilarides - Admin, Treasurer, Gerrit den Dulk - Admin, Asst. Treas., Jeff Lakin - Admin, John Hendon - Chairman of Deacons and Yellow Care Group, Justin Goodman - Secretary and White, Robert den Dulk - Benevolence Lead and Green, Dustin Leyshon - Offering Schedule and Purple, Jim Hamstra - Red, Dave Laud—Blue

This Week at Community Church



Today, Sunday, March 17

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| Morning Worship in person | 9:30 AM |
| and livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube | |
| Kids Church | |
| Sunday School | 11 AM |
| Men's Study | 11 AM |
| Youth Group | 5 PM |

Monday, March 18

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| Coffee Break | 9:15 AM |
| Staff Meeting | 10 AM |
| Council meeting | 7 PM |
| AA - Upstairs | 7:30 PM |

Tuesday, March 19

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| Phil's Friends | 10 AM-4 PM |
| Bloom PM at Jo Vz's | 6:30 PM |

Wednesday, March 20

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| Bloom & Sprouts | 8:45 AM |
| BreakAway Meal | 5-6:30 PM |
| Cadets/Kingdom Kids | 6:30-8 PM |
| GEMS/Phil's Friends pack party | 6:30-8 PM |
| Thrive for Women | 6:30-8 PM |

Thursday, March 21

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| Bulletin announcements due | 9 AM |
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Next Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

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| Morning Worship in person | 9:30 AM |
| and livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube | |
| Kids Church | |
| NO Sunday School | 11 AM |
| NO Youth Group | |

Upcoming

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| Mar 27: Family Craft & Movie | 5:30 PM |
| Mar 29: Good Friday Service | 7 PM |
| Mar 31: Sunrise Service | 7:30 AM |
| Breakfast in the Café | 8-9:15 AM |
| Easter Service | 9:30 AM |
| Apr 1: Office closed—Easter Monday | |
| Apr 6: Firewood Ministry | 8-Noon |
| Apr 13: Food Pantry | 9 AM-Noon |

**Get Yourself Connected at
Community Church Roselawn**

I would like...

- to be a Sunday morning greeter
- to be on the Missions Team
- to join the Worship Team
- to join the Tech Team
- more information about this Connections Class
- be on the 50th Anniversary party planning crew

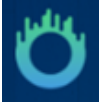
- I am a visitor.

Please return to offering basket, Welcome Center or to the office mailbox.

Name _____

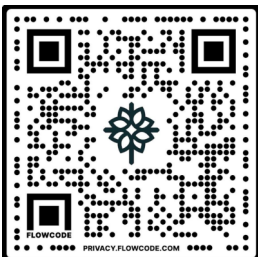
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One Church: Please update your info and/or photo in One Church. See Kelly at the Welcome Center if you would like her to take your picture.

Please add this dedicated One Church phone number to your cell ph contacts; 1 833-225-9450 It is Community Church Roselawn's number for texting



Open your smartphone's camera and point

← here for quick "Connections"

Sermon Notes

Luke 23:32-43

The Prayer of a Dying Thief

A. Two criminals were crucified with Jesus, one on each side.

1. One of them insulted Jesus: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

2. The other one defended Jesus and prayed for forgiveness:

a. "This man has done nothing wrong."

b. "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

B. Jesus answered him: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

1. "Today" – immediate salvation

2. "with me" – personal salvation

3. "Paradise" – heavenly salvation

C. Three lessons of hope and encouragement

1. It is never too late to turn to Christ.

2. Even the worst can be saved at the last moment.

3. All that God requires for salvation is faith in Jesus Christ.