

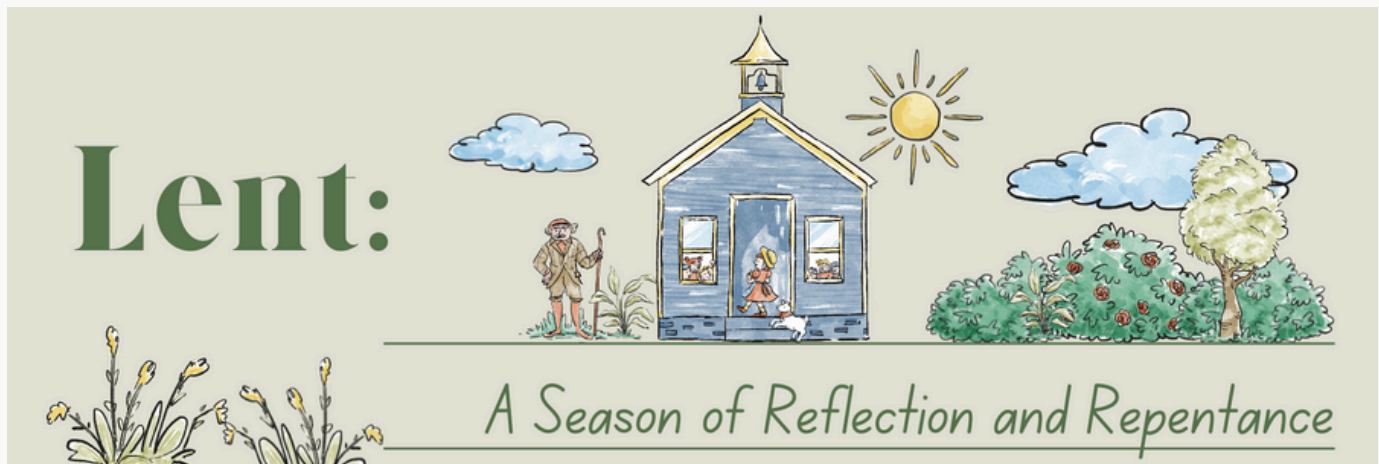
2025

Lent and Easter@CLP

March and April News



THE CHURCH AT LITCHFIELD PARK
A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE



The season of Lent is a time for us to strengthen our faith in Christ as we intentionally fast, pray, worship, study, serve and give.

We encourage everyone to participate in **Lenten Table Talk** by picking up a jar from the Sanctuary. In the jar you will find a candle and booklet with weekly reflections on Scripture and our mission partners. During your devotional time, consider placing an offering into the jar, which will be collected on Easter Sunday to bless those we support. Share your journey by posting photos on social media using #CLP.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**; our service on March 5 is at 6:30 pm. Sunday worship during Lent continues at 8:30 & 10 am. Our dinner church, **The Table@CLP**, gathers each Wednesday at 5:15 pm. Each Tuesday, from 11:30 - 12:30, our sanctuary is open for **Ignite!** prayer, with communion available starting at 12 noon.

We anticipate a very special **Easter Egg Hunt** this year as CLP partners with The City of Litchfield Park. On **Palm Sunday**, April 13, come and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry and our confirmation students' faith commitments at 8:30 and 10 am.

Join us for **Maundy Thursday** communion on April 17 at 6:30 pm, a reflective **Good Friday** Tenebrae service on April 18, also at 6:30 pm.

Easter Sunday at CLP dawns with a 6:00 am sunrise service. Our resurrection celebration continues with worship in the sanctuary at both 8:30 and 10 am. The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!

Community@CLP



Celebration of Life for David Drake

Saturday, April 26, 11:00 am



Men@CLP

Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm, Zieske Hall

Join Pastor Kris for a 5-week study, as we look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Upcoming Study Dates:

Thursday, March 6

Thursday, March 13 (no meeting)

Thursday, March 20

Thursday, March 27 (final study)

for a complete listing of church groups and events, go to clp.church/events

CLP Kids



Save the Date! True North VBS

June 9-13, 6-8 PM

Join us for True North VBS, June 9-13 from 6:00-8:00 PM! Kids will embark on an exciting Alaskan adventure, discovering that in a world full of distractions, Jesus is our True North—the faithful friend we can always trust. Through music, games, and hands-on experiences, they'll deepen their faith while exploring the wonders of the Alaskan frontier.

At CLP Kids Church on Sundays, we begin worship together in the sanctuary as a family before diving into God's story using The Story for Children as our guide. This Lent, our children will join their families for Table Talk, our annual churchwide study, with a special booklet designed to help them reflect, realign, and prepare their hearts for Easter.

Women@CLP

Over the past several weeks, the women of CLP have journeyed through Proverbs, and it has been both humbling and healing. We've seen how God's wisdom calls us to examine our hearts, shape our words, and align our steps with His truth.

As we near the end of our study, we are reminded that wisdom isn't just something we learn—it's something we live. Proverbs has challenged us to trust in the Lord, lean not on our own understanding, and seek the path of righteousness over the way of the world. More than ever, we recognize that true wisdom begins with reverence for God and is revealed in how we love, speak, and act.

To all who have been part of this study—keep pressing into God's Word, allowing it to shape and guide you. And if you haven't joined us yet, we invite you to be part of what's next! For more information, email Pastor Brenda at bboulihan@clp.church.

CLP Youth

Exciting things are happening in CLP Youth! This summer, our students are heading to Young Life's Lost Canyon Summer Camp in Williams, AZ, from June 2-7 for an unforgettable week of faith, fellowship, and fun! To help cover the costs, we're hosting two major fundraisers—a bake sale and a talent show—and we'd love your support! Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate or contribute.

Meanwhile, our confirmation students are exploring the foundational doctrine of our faith. Over the next several weeks, eight students will explore core Christian beliefs using *The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith*, preparing to make a public declaration of faith on Palm Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue this journey!

We also want to extend a huge thank you to **TheShop@CLP** for their generous support in helping make this mission trip possible. Your contributions are making a lasting impact in the lives of our youth!

For more information, or to get involved in youth fundraising, or CLP Kids, email Pastor Brenda at bboulihan@clp.church.

The Table@CLP



The Table@CLP gathers every Wednesday, from 5:15-6:30 pm. On March 5 (Ash Wednesday) and April 16 (Holy Week) there will be no dinner.

On April 9, we will have a potluck dinner!

Come for the food, live music, Jesus-story, conversation and fun. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

The Shop@CLP

Sometimes shopping at a thrift store can be more than fun! A High School student in Oregon found a vintage jacket he bought for \$8.70. It later sold for \$15,569. It turned out to be Ernie Banks' jacket from his rookie days as a Chicago Cub. A woman bought a vase at a thrift shop for \$3.99. It later sold at an auction for \$107,000. It was a rare Italian glass vase by a famous artist.

We can't guarantee that you'll be as lucky with your purchase. But you'll meet great volunteers and see amazing low prices at the Shop @ CLP.

Please donate Fridays from 8-11am. We'd also love for you to help on Saturday Sale days from 8-noon.

Giving Update

Thank you for supporting the work of the Lord at CLP with time, talent, and treasure. January giving amounted to \$38,394, trailing our \$50,000 monthly goal by 23%. Normally, January is a strong month for giving; it is unusual for CLP to begin the year with a shortfall in revenue. Let's continue to prayerfully grow in our giving in this crucial year in the life of our congregation.

